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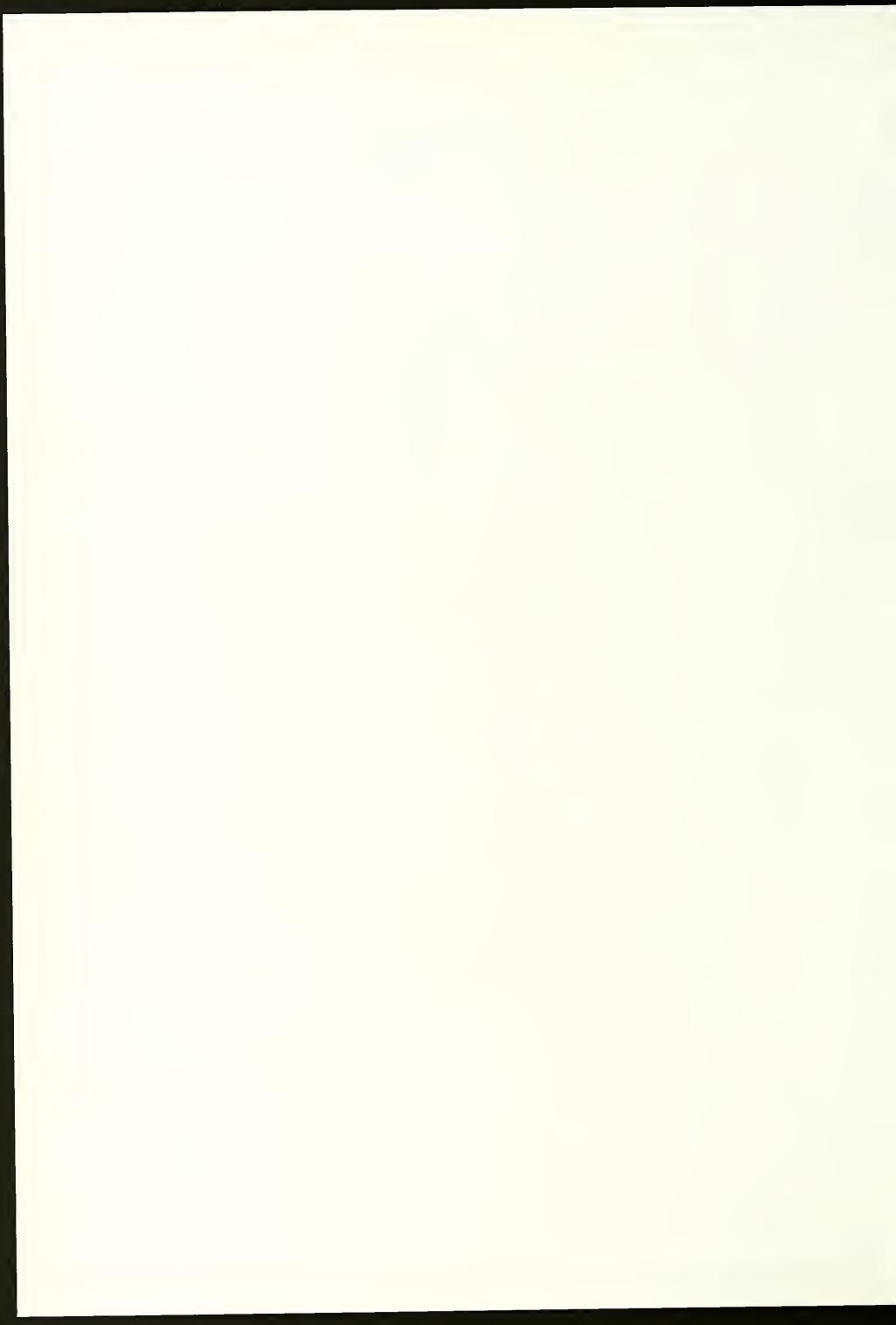


photo by Sam Powell

Shifting gears from the busy atmosphere of school, these students board their buses at 3:10 to go to a not so hectic evening at home. However, in less than seventeen hours, these students will be returning to school to face the challenges of a constantly changing day.



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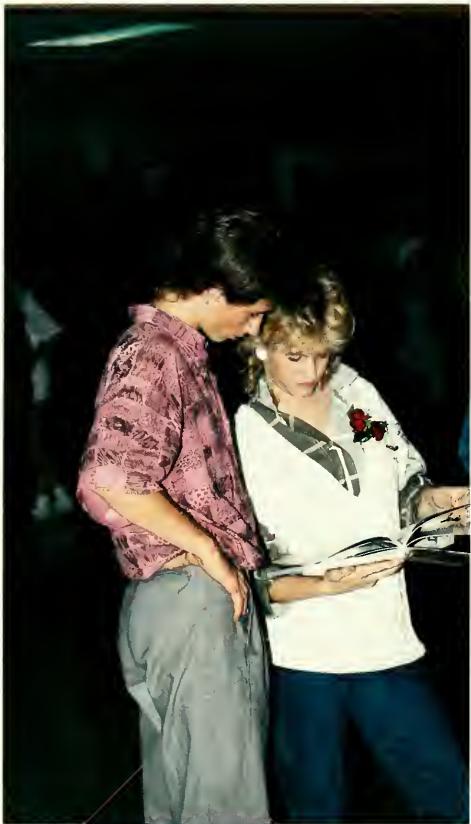


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After the homecoming game Chris Cook and Deanna Johnson take time to look at their yearbooks.

Changing Course

With The End Of Summer And The Start Of School, Students Faced The Changes Of A New Year.

On May 29, 1985, it seemed all the problems of life ended with the 3:10 bell. Ah, summer, that magical time of the year which brought a smile to just about everyone's face. Perhaps that smile was there because summer brought back the seven day sleep-in and the seven day go-out.

Summer meant, for most students, endless nights of David Letterman, afternoons at Cedar Point, shopping at Glenbrook, and no homework for three months. There was plenty to do, like going to Freiman Square

"With finals over and school ending soon, I was finally able to spend time with my friends and not worry about flunking a test."

— Shana Burns

or the Three Rivers Festival, or the Fourth of July Fireworks at the Coliseum, with no obligations to worry about for three months.

It seemed vacation was going great until the evening papers started running "back-to-school" advertisements. All too soon those endless days of summer changed into the cold days of fall. School started on August 28, and with it came new problems and pressures.

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Helping raise school spirit, these freshman, Mike Bertoli and Norman McCann show off their class's float.

Spending part of her summer up in the air, Marquita Mahan and her family compete in balloon races over vacation.



During the first weeks of school, the advanced physical education students took a canoe trip down Pigeon River which actually ended up a swim downstream as Dawn Oliver, Ann Reece and Charlene Fouts found out.

photo by Mike Hey



For Amy Dowdy, Samantha Lemme, and Amy McCoy, the first day of school is a happy reunion after summer vacation.

photo by Julie Hesler



photo by Lisa Huntington

Playing in the Grabill Day's parade, Julie Hohl and other band members proudly perform for the crowds.

Snatching leaves from unsuspecting trees, biology student Heather Huntington gets an early start on her leaf collection.



Changing cont.

On the first day of school, students were given the annual "welcome back" speech in the new gym (which is really the *old*, new gym). The students were informed about the new seven period a day schedule which shortened classes and required teachers to cover more material in less time. Stress was evident in everyone's face.

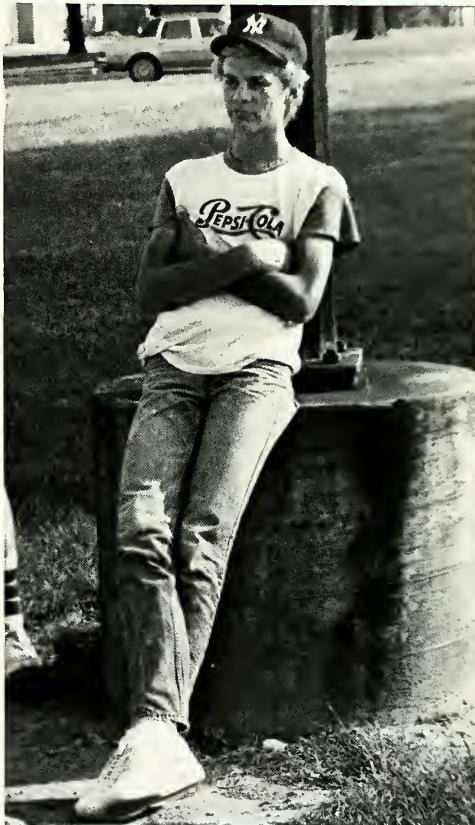
"The best thing about going back to school again is you get to see all the people that you didn't see over summer and how much they changed."

— Paul Newberg

It soon became obvious that the changed pace was taking its toll on everyone.

Although at times it seemed the days would never end, and that the weekends would never come — the end of the nine weeks ended almost unexpectedly. Everyone eventually adjusted to the new routine; it took time, but there were no other alternatives. So, until June 4, 1986, all we could do was dream of the long, lazy summer ahead, do our homework and wait until the 3:10 bell. Then at least, we could say we got through another day and mark it off on the calendar.

photo by Mike Hetrick



Relaxing by the tennis courts, Basil Wisler watches a meet after school, early in the season.

What better way is there to get ready for the homecoming game than being with a bunch of rowdy friends. This group of seniors show off their spirit on Purple and White Hug-A-Lion Day.

photo by Watters Studio



Some seniors just can't wait for school to start! Bob Earl, Tom Dykhuisen, and Rick Ehlers camp out on the school's back lawn so they can be the first inside when the opening bell rings on August 28.

Photo by Janice Glenn





Changing Lifestyles

Ordinary daily life is sprinkled with change and variety that enhances each student's personal style

Tests, assignments, term papers, and more tests made life very dull. There was no way to eliminate them. Each Friday they went away, but only 'til Monday. What could be done to cope with the hum-drum, day-to-day life of a student? Well, they strolled the Grabill Festival with buddies, and got into the spirit of homecoming by wearing p.j.'s or their parents' weirdest clothes. School never changed, but a student's life never stayed the same.

When could a guy change into a girl? Take your pick: powder puff or morp. Guys could fulfill their wildest fantasies and be cheerleaders for a female football game, or they could enjoy an evening of being treated to dinner and a dance.

Roles changed back for a romantic night of love — prom. A quiet dinner and glimmering lights led up to an evening spent with friends. Girls wondered if anyone would be wearing identical dresses, while their escorts worried about having enough money and driving a nice car.

Graduation: It's a time of change. Anticipation grew the entire year. Caps and gowns, invitations, applications, money, and parties all cluttered together in the frantic rush to get everything done. One thing was certain, life was changing. What would it bring?

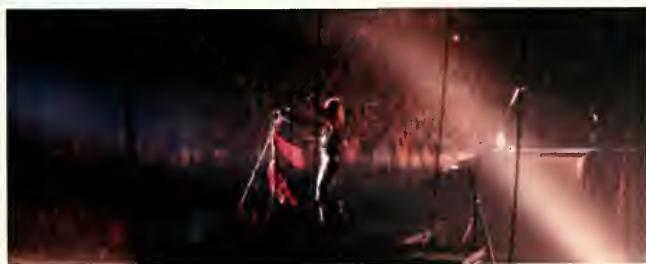


photo by Jill Lomont

Rock concerts at the Coliseum, such as the Motley Crue concert, are packed by students from the Ft. Wayne area on Friday the 13.



SUMMERTIME

The band "No Program," consisting of Tom Baker, Chad Springer, Greg Bauer, and Brian Greiser, shows its style playing jazz at the Blue Mountain Cafe.



Displaying their sense of rhythm, Ann Huguenard and Bob Earl listen to the bands play as they scan the park for friends in the crowd.



Posing next to a monument of Frank Freimann, Tom Dykhuizen relaxes in the comfortable atmosphere of a sunny day in the park.



While trying to decide their next place to go, Tom Dykhuizen and Rick Ehlers relax with a can of soda in Freimann Square.



The Metropolis Jams Down

*When a rural area offers no thrill,
the city holds the answer.*

Summer last year was rather typical of all summers, but there were a few things that made it unique. Such things included the greatly increased number of people at the "Sunday Night Jams." Every Sunday night, about 7:00, a frothing mass of teenagers migrated toward Freimann Square in downtown Fort Wayne.

Every area of the park was covered with socializing friends from different schools. Many of these people came great distances to listen to the various groups play.

The bands spent many hours setting up their equipment, but when the music began, a terrific ambience could be felt throughout the crowd. The music created was alluring to many people as they moved closer to the stage.

Freimann Square was not the only thing that brought teenagers to the downtown Fort Wayne area. The park also attracted many people during the daytime. Its colorful fountains, natural setting, and urban skyline made it a very relaxing place. Friends could relax and talk in the quietness of the park set amidst the action of the city.

Another such place was the Blue Mountain Cafe. The live entertainment and no age limit made "the mountain" a popular place for teens. The Leo Jazz combo, "No Program," played at the Blue Mountain the first weekend of each month. Tom Baker, a member of "No Program," replied, "We get our money for nothing and the chicks are free."

— photos and story by Rick Ehlers



Grabill days

Band members Joe Stuelpe, Bobby McDaniel, Karen Witte, and Ann Reece march in the heat at the annual parade.

Enjoying the Grabill Mennonite puppet show, the children stay entertained during a very hot Saturday afternoon at the fair.



To all of us Grabill Days was about the same, but it was something completely different when seen —

Through The Eyes Of A Child

Peering through the legs and bodies, the little boy stood at the side lines. Trying desperately to see, he pushed his way to the edge of the street, eagerly anticipating the parade. Suddenly, he heard it — the long piercing noise of the blood-red firetruck. The thirteenth annual Grabill Days Parade was about to begin. The little boy sat wide-eyed as it moved past him slowly. He nervously awaited the candy to be thrown to him, as he saw other children rush to pick up the pieces. From a distance the boy heard the sound of horses' hooves as they started to

round the corner. The finale of the parade was clowns walking beside antique cars. His parents tried to explain to him how his grandparents had once ridden in cars like that.

Soon after the parade ended, people flocked to the downtown area of Grabill. Tuning out all distractions, the boy let his bright eyes wander through the spectacular arrangement of colors and events. Clowns giving out brightly colored balloons, puppets gaily dancing on a stage, and people walking here and there were just a few of the sights the small boy had

taken in. Looking down on his shirt, he saw the many different tasty treats he had eaten: the dribble from the ice-cream cone, the spot from a bite of his mother's apple-dumpling, and cinnamon on his sleeve from the elephant ear.

Exhausted after his long day, the little boy dragged himself to the car. He sat in the backseat thinking over the wonderful day he had just had, as his parents drove home from the fair. While reliving his day, the little boy closed his eyes and fell asleep.



A tradition each year, the Allen County Sheriff leads the parade carrying the American flag.



Performing in a contest at the Grabill Fair, these Woodburn girls jump rope for an organization for health.

Getting ready to perform, Drill Squad members Allison Keller, Phoung Huhn, Debbie Peters, and Jenny Rayl walk to their designated positions.



photos by Mike Hetrick



owder puff



photo by Celeste Schaefer

Junior Powder Puff cheerleader Tom Baker shows off his "new" image wearing his cheerleading outfit and wig.



photo by Jane Reece



photo by Celeste Schaefer

Warming up for the big game, the senior Powder Puffers practice their plays at Wally Miazga's house over the weekend.

Seniors Sunday Webb, Amy Dowty, Kim Fitzgerald, and Tracy Busch plan a cheer during their lunch mod.



Relaxing before the game, juniors Mary Minich and Jami Carey get their hair done by Paula Kitzmiller and Niki Healy.

photo by Celeste Schaefer



A Long Awaited Victory

For the first time in 13 years, tables have turned and the juniors defeat the seniors in Powder Puff with a score of 12-6.

The atmosphere on Wednesday, September 18th was much different between the junior and senior classes than any other Wednesday. It was time for one of homecoming's most popular events — Powder Puff. Memories of the many practices flashed in the minds of the players. Juniors had a total of fourteen practices, the seniors three.

To psych themselves up for the game, the seniors met at Wally Miazga's house and rode to the school cheering and chanting. The junior puffers met at Shelly Slentz's house to decorate their

cars and caravan to the school.

The game was about to begin. The seniors, in their black and red sweatshirts, and the juniors outfitted in blue and yellow were about to match their talents in the sport of football.

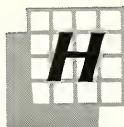
From the beginning of the week, everyone expected the seniors to win, as usual. Even one of the referees, Mr. Steinhouser, had predicted the win of the seniors on his calendar. But the juniors were out to prove everyone, including past history, wrong.

The game itself was very different despite the efforts of the sen-

ior players and the referees. For the first time since 1972, the juniors defeated the seniors with a score of 12-6. The loss of the seniors caused mixed emotions for everyone.

Overall, the Powder Puff game was a lot of fun for both classes. It got everyone fired up for the homecoming game. As summed up best by Mary Pfister, "I thought that Powder Puff was a fun part of homecoming and helped encourage class spirit."

— Chris Scheil



Homecoming

Newly crowned king Tom Dykhuizen takes the traditional ride around the track during the pep session.



At the end of the homecoming week activities, Todd Bennett shows his spirit by jamming down at the homecoming dance.

Newly crowned queen, Tami Witt, receives a congratulatory kiss from her escort, Wiley Kite.



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Leo football captains, Brad Fredericks and Jeff Kimbel, shake hands with the Carroll captains, signaling the beginning of the game.



Homecoming gave the students an opportunity for adventure —

LION'S BIG ADVENTURE

Leaving the lazy days of summer behind them, the students started another school year. Homecoming week gave the Lions a chance to forget the monotony of school and experience the excitement of high school football.

The Lions' Big Adventure began Monday, September 16, with Pajama Day. The Lions showed their spirit by wearing their warm fuzzies and toting cuddly teddy bears. Thursday brought Nerd Day and Class Skit. The seniors won Class Skit for the second consecutive year. Nerd Day was a day when the students could dress in their absolutely "worst" fashions.

Friday marked the long awaited arrival of the big game. A pep rally was held in the afternoon to further boost Lion enthusiasm. The cheerleaders presented their "Pee Wee Herman" skit and secret admirers were revealed. Tom Dykhuizen was crowned Homecoming King.

That night, the fans piled into the stands, waiting for the excitement to begin. The Lions were up against the Carroll Chargers. By halftime the score was 14-0, Carroll leading.

Halftime began with the parade. Floats of all sizes, shapes and colors passed by — building the anticipation and excitement of the fans. Next came the band playing Leo's school song, "The Minnesota Rouser". The homecoming court was the grand finale. As the eager crowd awaited, Tami Witt was crowned Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by Wiley Kite.



The 1985 homecoming court consisted of: last year's queen Michelle Delegrange, escorted by her brother Todd, senior Samantha Lemma, escorted by Greg Kelly, senior Beth Witte, escorted by Shannon

Roberts, queen Tami Witt, escorted by Wiley Kite, junior Laurie MacQueen, escorted by Ed Bushe, sophomore Renea Miller, escorted by Dain Bufe, and freshman Jamie Garton, escorted by Jason Richards.

Adventure — cont.

The Lions were defeated by Carroll with a score of 6-20. Coach Bollier said, "We gave them a good fight, but we couldn't score when we needed to, and they broke some big runs that we couldn't afford to give up. However, we had the potential to win the game but didn't make it happen."

As summed up by senior football player Wally Miazga, "It was a highly emotional game. Leo's winning was not meant to be."

Losing didn't dampen spirits. The night ended with the annual homecoming dance, which gave the students a chance to socialize with friends and sign each other's yearbooks. All in all, the Lions wrapped up another successful homecoming.

— Chris Scheil

While waiting on the sidelines, the Leo football players cheer on their teammates for a victory.

Cheerleaders Christie Meyer and Tracy Busch play the parts of Pee Wee Herman and his girlfriend Dottie during the skit.



Coach Bollier explains the next play against the Carroll Chargers to senior quarterback Doug Lake.

photos by Watters Studio



After being announced Homecoming Queen, Tami Witt with escort Wiley Kite, receives the crown from former queen Michelle Delagrange.



Junior football player Matt Bertsch shakes the hand of an excited elementary student during the homecoming parade.



Mr. Bollier receives a black carnation symbolizing death of the Carroll Chargers at the homecoming pep session.

Students Thinking Ahead

Considering college, students see the need to improve grades and seek advice from their counselors.

The question of a continued education was a consideration looming in the minds of many students. The choice among technical school, college, or university, had to be decided, depending on the individual's goals. Over 75 percent of Leo High School's senior class planned to attend one of these institutions. Many students were concerned about the financing of their college goals and how much the college they were interested in would cost. Students could apply for financial aid from the government in the form of grants or from various places that offer scholarships for a student's achievement.

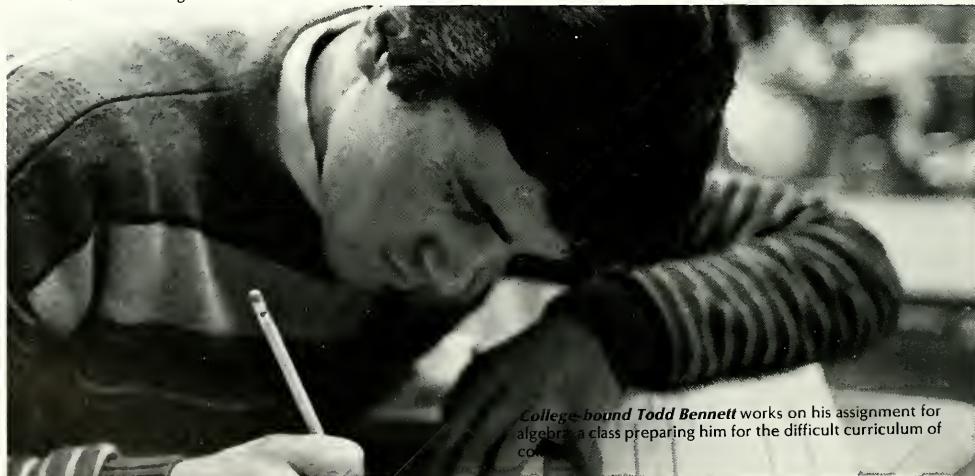
Students were also concerned about what colleges are looking for in a student. Colleges first look at a student's class rank to determine if the student has the ability to handle the college work load. Then,

photo by Paul Newberg

they take into consideration the G.P.A. and S.A.T. scores. Colleges basically take into account this information as a whole to determine if a student is prepared to enter college. Universities such as Indiana, Purdue, and Ball State, which are the most popular with Leo students, generally require students to be in the top half of their class.

There are many mixed feelings about going to college. Ann Huguenard states, "I'll miss the friends and the old times I leave behind ... maybe!" A group of senior girls agreed on saying, "Although we are anticipating the fun and great times of college, we still have the feelings of uncertainty and at times, fear of the unknown."

— Rick Ehlers



College-bound Todd Bennett works on his assignment for algebra, a class preparing him for the difficult curriculum of college.

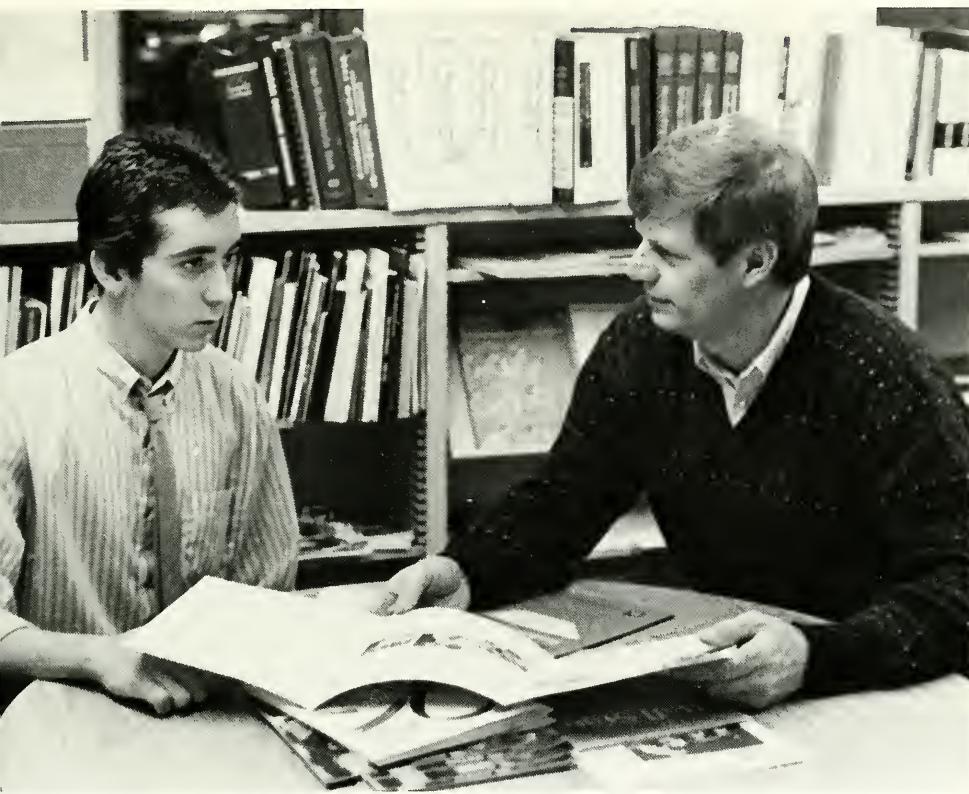


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Guidance counselor, Mr. Richard Butt, consults with senior Dave Castator about his S.A.T. scores. This test is a necessary part of most college applications.

Trying to locate information about a certain college, Kristi Anderson skims through catalogs and pamphlets in the Guidance Office.



photo by Kurt Schaefer

After their coronation, King Jeff Kimbel and Queen Tami Witt pause for a moment while leading off a slow dance.

Rejoicing after receiving their awards of Biggest Procrastinator and Most Likely to Win the Indy 500, Katie Ridderheim and Jane Reece ham it up on the dance floor.

photo by Dave Castator



photo by Mrs. Holbrook



Peering around the corner, David Castator shows off his prizewinning masquerade costume at MORP.

photo by Dave Castator



Giving Way To Women's Lib

October doesn't bring just the Halloween season, but one of dating's biggest events: MROP

In this day and age, it isn't out of the usual for a girl to ask a guy out or a date. The same goes for the students at Leo because October didn't bring just the Halloween season, but believe it or not, it brought one of dating's most blessed events: MROP. The dance gave a girl the perfect opportunity to ask her favorite guy out for the evening. There were many "tech-

niques" a girl used to approach the guy that she wanted to ask to be her date at the dance. The most popular methods were via a note, her best friend, or a telephone call.

After she had her date set, there were many other details that had to be taken care of. First, there were the MROP shirts. Traditionally, the couple would wear

matching tee-shirts or sweatshirts with such decors as "I'm His," and "I'm Hers." After deciding upon the appropriate shirts, the location of dinner had to be chosen. Places such as McDonald's, Arby's and Pizza Hut were popular choices. When dinner was finished, the couples flocked to the school for the dance, which was done by Hidden Picture Lighting and Sound. At the magic hour of eleven o'clock, the MROP court was announced. The court was as follows:

KING AND QUEEN: Tami Witt and Jeff Kimbel;

BEST SMILE: Tracy Busch and Steve Lengacher;

MOST LIKELY TO BE ON THE COVER OF SEVENTEEN AND SEARS CATALOG: Samantha Iemma and Wiley Kite;

MOST UNATHLETIC: Sunday Webb and P.J. Hoar;

BIGGEST PROCRASTINATOR: Katie Ridderheim and Darrin Chapman;

FUNNIEST LAUGH: Kirstin Neuman and Jeff Zink;

MOST LIKELY TO WIN INDY 500: Jane Reece and John Amstutz;

BIGGEST WHINER: Shelly Barker and Greg Kelley;

MOST CREATIVE COSTUME: Sara Rogers and Dave Castator.

The dance ended at twelve o'clock with memories stored in the minds of the numerous happy couples. They left the dance in anticipation and excitement awaiting next year's MROP.

— Chris Scheil



photo by Mrs. Holbrook

Members of the MROP court include: (front row): Jeff Kimbel, Tami Witt. (2nd row): Tracy Busch, David Castator. (3rd row): P.J. Hoar, Greg Kelley, Jeff Zink, Kirstin Neuman, Steve Lengacher, Shelly Barker. (back row): Jane Reece, Katie Ridderheim, Wiley Kite. They pose in the commons with their certificates of recognition.

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all Play

Considering the possibility of Geno-Facts taking over the world in the play "Eden", Reann Panchev and Jim Yankosky discuss what their future will be like.



photos by I.E. Stover



At the "Eden" plant, factory workers Bob Earl, Basil Wisler, and Mary Pfister ponder some heavy questions during their lunch break.

Expressions of mixed emotion can be seen on the faces of spectators as they waited for a man to fall from a tower in the play "Help."



photos by J.E. Stover



Growing With Style

The usual fall drama fare was changed to a combo of three one-act plays — "A Trio."

Variety and Challenge! Those were the keys to the Drama Club's fall production of three one-act plays known as "A Trio." The 28 performers were mostly cast in several roles which provided them with the challenge of performing everything from drama to comedy.

The first play, "The Haunted Carousel," was a drama about people lost in space and time. The tone of the play was eerie. The action revolved around the magic of the carousel and the effect it had on several lives.

"Eden," the second selection, was about the people's lack of humanity. The pro-life idea presented in the play started out as simple child's play and then turned to the horror of a faceless society.

controlled by the leader and the chairman.

The third play, entitled "Help," comically examined our priorities — are we concerned about the well-being of our neighbors or their problems?

The combination of the three plays provided both the audience and the performers with a variety of theatrical experiences. As Mr. Stover said, "We really needed a change, something different than our usual fall play. I wanted to do something with heavy messages. I didn't know if they'd be popular, but I didn't care, I just wanted to give the exceptional talent we have here at Leo something to grow on." As usual, the Drama Club grew and grew . . .

— Shelly Slentz



During "The Haunted Carousel," Amy Little prepares to tell Jodi Halt about the little boy she wishes she had.

Angie Butler and Alana Jacquay patiently wait among the crowd to see if the unknown man will fall or not during the play "Help."



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A Time To Give

The Christmas spirit was enhanced by all that was given to the needy families of our community.

Christmas is a time for giving, and the students at Leo proved that last Christmas season by donating food, clothes and other such necessities to needy families. Over 2000 cans were donated for the annual can drive. Boxes of donations were loaded into vans and taken to the Christmas Bureau to be delivered to less fortunate families to help make their Christmas a time of love and happiness.

Student Council president Jeff Kimbel said, "I felt that the can drive allowed the students and faculty of Leo High School the opportunity to come to the aid of the community's needy."

Christmas vacation gave the students a time to break away from the hectic school life. Students enjoyed such activities as skating, or going on vacation with their families to Florida.

Those students who didn't travel anywhere over

photo by lane Reece

break spent their time sleeping in, spending time with their friends, or visiting relatives. Many students also rushed to the crowded malls to do last minute Christmas shopping.

Melanie Brandt, one such shopper, said, "Last minute shopping was a great experience because the shoppers were really into the Christmas spirit."

Christmas also allowed the students of Leo to admire the many Christmas lights and decorations of the Yuletide season at the zoo and downtown Fort Wayne.

As December 26 rolled around, another Christmas season ended with the realization that vacation would be coming to an end soon, and the students would be returning to school once again.

— Shelly Slentz



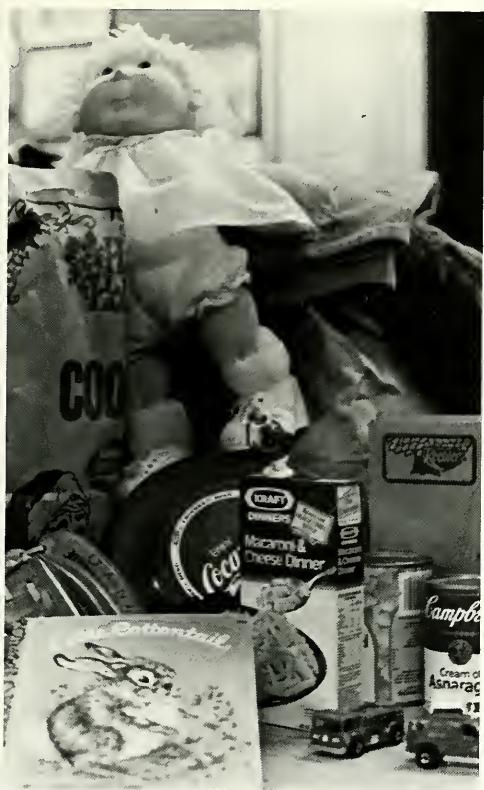


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Items such as these were donated by students to help less fortunate families have a merry Christmas.

Getting ready to deliver items to the Christmas Bureau, Joel Yoder and Chris Hattery load boxes to help out.



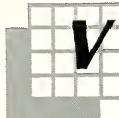
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Decorations, like these at Glenbrook Mall, were displayed all over town to add to the excitement of the Christmas season.

Preparing for Christmas, Ray DiLisi, Jeff McKee, and Craig Dubea pose with Santa Claus, who is really Jamie Grunden.



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photo by Melanie Poe



Love Leo Style

Even though obstacles stood in the way of being together, couples still found time to share special moments.

Red roses, boxes of heart-shaped candy, whispered sweet nothings, and happy couples were all characteristics of Valentine's Day. It was a time for couples to express their true feelings toward each other. Last year's Sweetheart Day was different than previous holidays.

Last year was the first time that students had the opportunity to experience a semi-formal dance. Many students liked the change and made the dance a success. Sophomore Ann Reece said, "I thought the dance was really romantic because everyone got all dressed up."

The controversy of students overly expressing their emotions for each other brought another change. A few teachers published a mini-drama in an issue of the Lion's Tale newspaper. The article focused on what the teachers

thought was a serious problem involving couples showing "too much" affection for one another. This led to open opposition and controversy from students and a renewed effort at enforcing the policy of "hand holding only." Anyone caught otherwise would first be warned, next sent to the office, and then even face the possibility of being suspended. Junior Melanie Brandt commented, "Why are you able to hug your best friend in the halls, but not your boyfriend?"

The problems involving school policies persisted throughout the year, but it didn't dampen the feelings or relationships many people shared. The dance, and flowers, although simple signs of affection, were not taken for granted as another Valentine's Day passed.

— Shelly Slentz

After just receiving a dozen red roses for Valentine's Day, junior Janice Benny reads over the card that her sweetheart sent.

photo by Melanie Poe

Blowing up balloons for the Valentine's semi-formal dance, Danielle Duch, Jennifer Swoveland, Ann Reece, and David Reschly have fun while completing their task.



photo by Dawn Oliver



photo by Jo Hobson



Taking a break from her regular assignments, freshman Kris Straughn looks through the Valentine's issue of the Lion's Tale.

Attending the first Valentine's Day semi-formal dance, sophomore couple Lance Chrisman and Lesley Meridith snuggle up before they head off to a slow dance.



lass Tourney

Preparing to kick off the tug of war event, the juniors battle the freshmen during the first round of competition.



photo by Melanie Poe



photo by Pam Alwine



Performing the song "Respect" for the lip sync contest, senior Samantha lemma sings lead as Kelly Neuhauser helps by singing back-up.

Rival Between The Lions

Classmates gathered to participate in the '86 Class Tourney to share friendly competition and have a "roaring" good time.

The day: Friday, March 21, 1986. The place: Leo High School. Once again it was time for the classes to join together to participate in the annual event of Class Tourney. Classmates gathered to make posters, decorate their assigned section of bleachers, and even schedule a few practices to better their teams. Everyone was out to prove that their class was the best.

The competition began at 5:30 P.M. with the egg toss and volleyball kicking off the events. The last, and newest event was the lip sync contest which took place during the dance following Class Tourney.

The events and winners were as follows:

Girls' egg toss: Amy Cook and Kim Fitzgerald; seniors.

Boys' egg toss: Wiley Kite and Greg Kelly; seniors.

Girls' ping pong: Renee Rhoades and Dede Smith; juniors.

Boys' ping pong: Kraig Brown and Ron Mancini; seniors.

Girls' ice cream eating: Beth Witte; senior.

Boys' ice cream eating: Shane Koch; junior.

Volleyball: seniors.

Girls' basketball: juniors.

Boys' basketball: seniors.

Girls' obstacle course: seniors.

Boys' obstacle course: freshmen.

Pop guzzling: sophomores.

Shuttle race: freshmen.

Boys' arm wrestling: Left 129 lbs.



photo by Pam Alwine

Desperately trying to hold onto her egg, sophomore Heather Venderly delicately catches it during the egg-toss.

Freshman Jason Pence hurriedly attempts to finish his bowl of ice cream to help in aiding the Freshmen class during Class Tourney.

Rival — cont.

— Steve Davis; 175 lbs. — Sam Powell; U.L. — Andy Powell.
Boys' arm wrestling: Right 129 lbs.
— Jerry Lothamer; 175 lbs. —
Aaron Vanlue; U.L. — Gary
Laird.
Girls' arm wrestling: Left 109 lbs.
— Denise Croussore, 130 lbs. —
Jenny Swoveland; U.L. Amy
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Girls' arm wrestling: Right 109 lbs.
— Christi Meyer; 130 lbs. — Lisa
Peters; U.L. — Ladena Keller.
Class participation: seniors.
Tug of war: juniors.
Lip sync contest: seniors.

The outcome of the evening ended with the juniors on top with 223 points; the seniors coming in second with 214 points; sophomores third with 61 points, and freshmen receiving 47 points. But whether it was win or lose, all those who participated for their class portrayed the object of Class Tourney — having fun.

— Shelly Slentz

Keeping her mind on the competition at hand, senior Katie Ridderheim performs in the obstacle course to earn points for her class.

Spending extra time after school to decorate their section of bleachers paid off for the Freshmen class. They won first place.



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During the pop-guzzling contest, sophomore Butch Schwaben guzzles his can of pop as his classmates gather around to cheer him to a victory.



While competing in the ping-pong contest, junior Dede Smith takes her turn at returning the ball as Renee Rhoades watches and prepares for the next hit.

photo by Pam Alwine



weekends

Students, faculty, and parents share a common enthusiasm for basketball on Friday nights. Win or lose, the team always attracted loyal fans.

Standing in the cold at Rock America, Ft. Wayne's newest teenage dance club, area students wait to get in.



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Earning extra money, Sam Lemma spends her weekend helping customers choose "just the right thing" at Nobbson's.

A favorite weekend pastime is going to the local cinema to watch the latest flicks. Amy Little attends the showing of *Wildcats* at the matinee performance.



Waiting For The Weekend

For most students life really begins Friday at 3:10.

Every day, no matter what it was, dragged ... that was unless that day happened to be Friday. Friday was the day that students sat wearily in class thinking about what was soon to come — the weekend. The weekend offered students the chance to break away from the hectic daily life of after-school jobs and endless amounts of homework. In fact, students lived for the weekend.

The weekend held many activities for students. Several showed their school spirit on weekends by attending games and dances.

As junior Matt Moreau said, "I like the weekend because I look

photo by Chris Neuhauser

forward to playing in basketball games on Friday and going out with my friends afterwards and having a good time."

Students who were unfortunate enough to have to work on the weekends understood the dreaded trials of having a job. A common weekend money-maker was babysitting. Some other weekend activities included: attending parties, going to the movies, or going to either the Blue Mountain or Rock America, popular hangouts for students. It was not uncommon for students to wait in line for two hours in cold, winter weather to get in.

Another favorite endeavor of students was dating. Dates often went to places such as Chi Chi's and Banditos for dinner.

Shopping at Glenbrook was the most popular weekend activity for students. Going to the mall gave the students the opportunity to meet new people and socialize with old friends.

As Monday rolled around, another weekend was over, and thoughts of Friday were in the minds of the students once again.

— Chris Scheil



Why Florida?

Spring Break in Florida meant a week of independence and leisure for high school students.

Fitting into the beautiful scenery of Florida, a pelican finds a quiet moment away from all the spectators.

One of Florida's most popular sights is the Epcot dome, a modern learning center located in the Walt Disney World amusement park.



What U.S. location offered students the chance to bask in the warm, tropical sun on the white-sandy beaches among thousands of high school students? Florida, of course. The first week of every April of each year students flocked to the sunny south in masses to enjoy the freedom of Spring Break.

Exactly what was the great attraction with Florida? The beautiful climate and scenery were not the only assets of the golden state. Cities such as Daytona, Clearwater, and Fort Lauderdale were popular hot spots in Florida. Orlando also offered the fun bonuses of Walt Disney World and Epcot Center, a futuristic learning park. Every fantasy, from driving a one-hundred fifty thousand dollar sports car, to visiting an exotic foreign country was made possible through the magic at Epcot. Along with Orlando, Tampa also was popular among many people because of Busch Gardens.

Preparation for Spring Break

took many weeks to be completed. Bright summer fashions had to be purchased, along with the "right" bathing suit. Tanning salons were packed with pre-sun tanners, wanting to avoid burning in the hot Florida weather. Money was saved by giving up some weekend fun. Hotel reservations and driving arrangements also had to be made. Rooming accommodations became very crowded. In fact, it was not uncommon for eight people to share one room! Hotels became the center of rowdiness.

For some, the best part of Florida was the meeting of that special person or persons. The beautiful Florida sunsets had a romantic affect on couples.

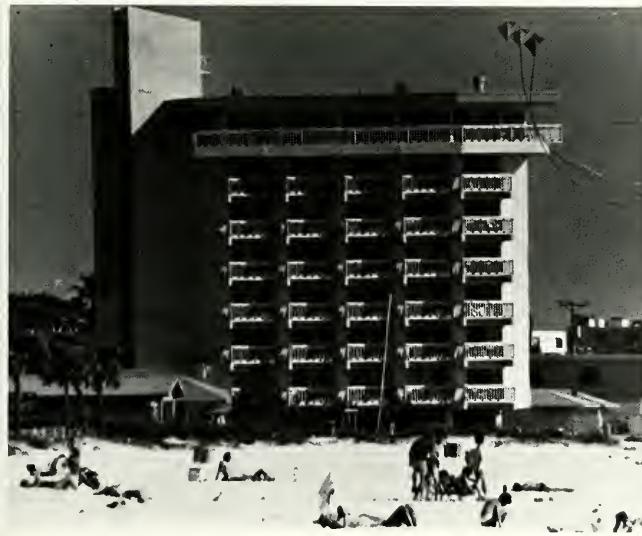
As Spring Break came to a close, students from various places headed home to the responsibilities of school, and to the reality that they had to leave Florida behind.

— Chris Scheil



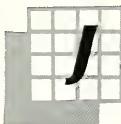


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Enjoying his stay in Florida, junior Kurt Schlatter fantasizes in the car of his dreams, a 1986 IROC-Z28 at Epcot Center.

Students enjoy a leisure moment lying in the sun at the St. Petersburg Hotel.



Jog-a-Thon



High lap runners, freshman Amy Clay and sophomore Paula Smead, push on towards finishing.

Helping her team get prepared to run in the Jog-A-Thon, cross-country coach, Mrs. Linson, checks the schedule.

Psyching themselves to run laps, students warm up in the beautiful spring weather on the football field.



all photos by Amy McDaniel



Taking a break, seniors Wiley Kite, Jeff Kimbel, and Shannon Roberts cheer on runners while pigging out.



Just For The “Funds” Of It

By any means possible, students participated in the Jog-A-Thon to aid school athletics and activities.

Saturday, April 12 was the blessed day that one hundred of Leo's most dedicated "athletes," awoke to prepare themselves to run in the Jog-A-Thon. High school students had the opportunity to raise money for various Leo organizations, with seventy-five percent of the money raised by that organization being returned to that group. This year was the first time that a non-athletic organization could participate. Money was raised for everything from Photo Club to Student Council in addition to many other clubs.

The goal of the Jog-A-Thon was to work as a single fund raising event to support the other half of education — athletics and activities. Another goal was to have fun working together. These goals

were obviously met by the students and it showed in their enthusiasm for the fund raiser. The Jog-A-Thon raised a total of two thousand dollars.

As senior Reann Panchev said, "I felt that the Jog-A-Thon was a fun experience that was both exciting and competitive for students. It gave everyone the chance to help the school." Many prizes were awarded for both top lap runners and high money earners. Top lap runners, Bob Clark and Amy Clay, were both awarded a pair of running shoes, donated by Hudson's. Top money earners, Sam Gordon and Heidi Strasser, both won tanning booth sessions. The coach of the high team money maker, Mrs. Linson, received a twenty dollar gift certificate to the

Wharf. All students who completed at least fifteen laps and raised at least twenty dollars, received a short sleeve T-shirt with a Jog-A-Thon logo on it designed by Chad Stuckey. Chad received a hooded sweatshirt for designing the prize winning logo.

Although not many students won a prize, they made positive comments about the experience. The reward came in knowing that their individual efforts made a difference. There was not only an individual pride, but a corporate school pride in the strong efforts of the group.

— Chris Scheil



pring Musical

Doing It In Style

Colorful costumes and fancy parasols highlight the theatricality of the spring musical, "Hello, Dolly."

January brought snow and ice, but it also brought try-outs and practices to the 89 students that made up the spring musical production of "Hello, Dolly." As the old saying goes, "Practice makes perfect" and that was obvious to see on opening night. Over 1200 people came to watch the musical the three nights it ran.

The cast was a large one. Lead roles went to: Samantha Lemma, Dolly Levi; Shannon Roberts, Horace Vandergelder; Wiley Kite, Cornelius Hackle; Angie Vendrely, Mrs. Molloy; Tracy Busch, Minnie Fay; and Jeff Jones, Barnaby Tucker. The chorus consist-

ing of 36 students was larger than previous ones.

Drama instructor, Mr. Jerry Elton Stover, spent a lot of time working to make the musical a success. Colorful costumes made the play enjoyable to watch. There were over 100 costume changes, and over \$3000 was spent to make all of them possible.

The action of the play took place in the 1890's in New York City and Yonkers, New York. It revolved around the life of a matchmaker, Dolly Levi, who set out to find everyone a mate, including herself. There are tangled situa-

tions involving couples, but everyone ends up a happy pair. Even Dolly Levi snatches a second husband for herself.

The closing night of "Hello, Dolly" marked the end of a Drama Club career for several seniors. They realized they had grown over the years and had left good examples imprinted in the minds of upcoming members. As the musical ended, the cast knew their knowledge had grown over the months, and they had met new challenges.

— Shelly Slentz





All dressed up in their "Sunday Clothes," Beth Witte and Allen Schwartz perform for the sold out crowds that came to participate in the fun of "Hello, Dolly."



Delighted to be back in Dolly Levi's company, waiters, as played by Jorgen Knudsen, Keith Neuman, Tom Baker, Jeff Kimbel, Charlie Panchev, Allen Schwartz, and Joe Stuelpe perform the number "Hello Dolly!"

Having just found out the menu prices, Jeff Jones and Wiley Kite wonder how they are going to afford dinner for their dates, Angie Vendrely and Tracy Busch, while Tom Baker patiently waits to take their order.



Colorful costumes were a part of the number "Parade," as junior Dina Stovall joins in on the excitement donning a joker's outfit.



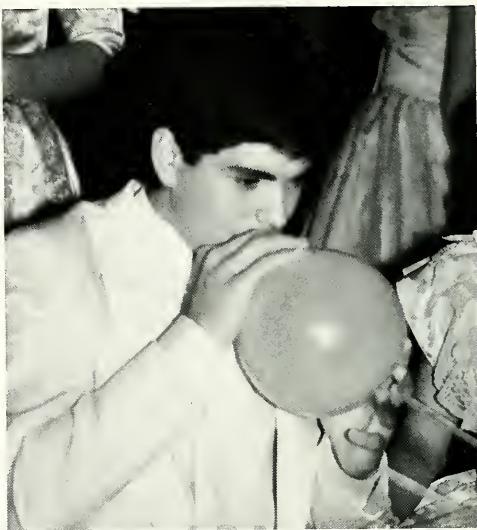
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Newly crowned queen and king, seniors Beth Witte and Shannon Roberts dance to the prom theme, "This Could Be the Night."

Helping out with decorations, senior Steve Lengacher blows up one of the many peach and grey balloons that adorned the ballroom.



This Could Be The Night

Prom night provided a fun and unforgettable evening for all of the couples who attended.

The doorbell rang. The door opened. Standing there was this gorgeous guy in a tuxedo holding a beautiful corsage — just for his date. They were about to spend a care-free, romantic night out together. A dream? No. This was the night of the Junior-Senior Prom. After weeks of careful planning, May 10 was finally a reality for the couple.

Preparations for the big night had begun the moment the guy asked the girl of his dreams to be his date for the prom. At that moment, many thoughts were going through the guy's mind, like "Will she even say yes?" or "Will I have enough money? On the other hand, the girl was thinking, "What will I wear?" and, "Will everything go all right?"

There was much to be done before the prom. Reservations had to be made, tuxedos rented, hair appointments scheduled, and cars had to be washed, along with flowers picked up and the agonizing photo sessions.

After all of these things were completed, the cou-

ples were off for their memorable evening. Usually, the couple stopped at one of Fort Wayne's finest restaurants for an elegant dinner. Places such as the Moonraker, Peaches and Club Olympia were popular choices. After dinner, the couple set off for the dance.

Prom started at 8:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. This night was a beautiful one as visions of peach and grey disembarked from long, shiny cars to enter the plush surrounding of the ballroom. As the couples made their way into the room, they encountered other beautifully-dressed young women and young men attired in tuxedos. Out on the floor, couples danced to the music of Unique Lighting and Sound. Floating about the room were hundreds of peach and grey balloons that added to the magical atmosphere. At nine-thirty, the moment everyone had been waiting for had finally arrived. The court was announced. It consisted of:

KING: Shannon Roberts



photo by Celeste Schaefer



Arriving at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in style, junior Mark Hershberger gives his date a helping hand as she gets out of the car.

Adjusting his boutonniere, Mrs. Sanders proudly helps her son, Doug, with the final touches.

Prom — *Con't.*

QUEEN: Beth Witte

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Bob Earl and Agy Nixon

BEST PERSONALITY: Wally Miazga and Samantha Lemma

FUNNIEST: Jeff Zink and Reann Panchev

BEST DRESSED: Wiley Kite and Tracy Busch

MOST ATHLETIC: Jeff Kimbel and Tami Witt

The court then led off the dance to the theme song "This Could Be the Night."

After prom, couples rushed home to change. Many couples headed to parties. Some, however,

decided to stay home and get some rest before the big morning. The next day, couples flocked to places such as King's Island, the Michigan Dunes, or the lake, to spend the day together. By Sunday night, the couples were exhausted. It was all over. The juniors had anticipation of next year. For the seniors, prom was one of the most precious parts of their last year to be remembered for the rest of their lives.

— Chris Scheil

— Shelly Slentz



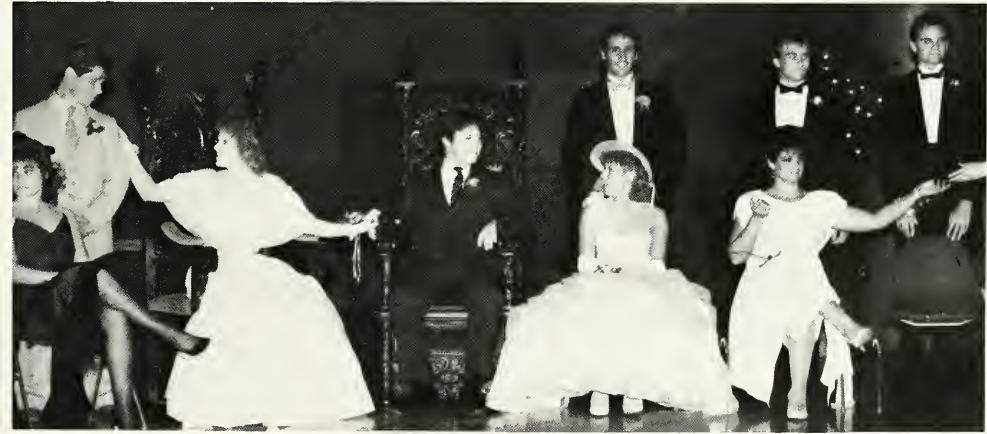


Slow dancing and soft lights generate a romantic atmosphere for those couples like Daryl McConnell and Lisa Land attending prom.

Getting into the music provided by Unique Lighting and Sound, senior Jodie Halt dances the night away with her friends on the dance floor.



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After dinner, pictures and dancing, Angie Collins and Tim Caywood take a break to relax and watch the other couples.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcing of the Prom court, although some members of the court are not pictured: Reann Panchev, Jeff Zink, Beth Witte, Shannon Roberts, Tami Witt, Jeff Kimbel, Samantha lemma, Wally Miazga, and Bob Earl.



Senioritis

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The effects of "Senioritis" are evident to Dave Alexander as he grudgingly finishes his English assignment.

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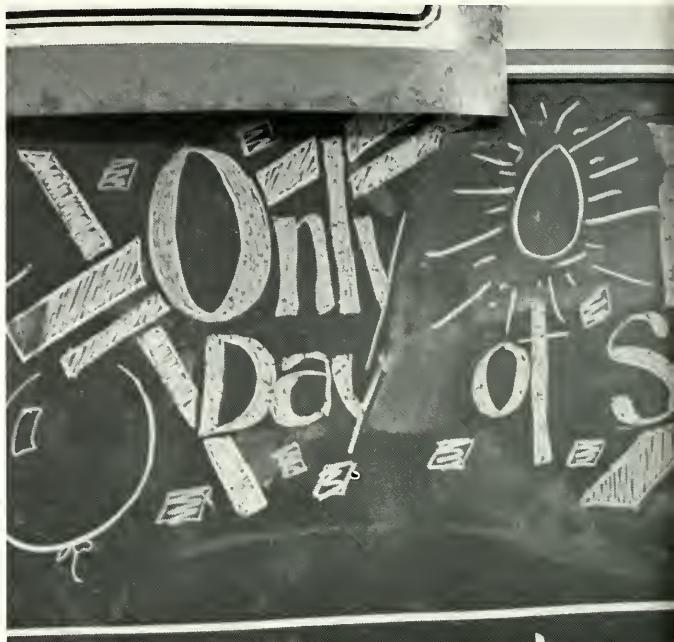


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Enjoying the final Breakfast Club in the high school parking lot, the seniors toast their last Monday in school as well as the upcoming commencement.



As the last day of classes and final tests drew nearer, countdown messages appeared on chalkboards all over the school.



Pigging out together, seniors Doug Lake and Brad Frederick share their morning meal in the rain.

photo by Dave Castor

Counting The Days . . .

As the year dragged on, the senior class grew both anxious and weary about the daily grind of school.

Spring came early this year. For the seniors it arrived around February 17. Spring brought with it the syndrome of over-worked, burned-out seniors, commonly called "Senioritis." This ailment tended to give the upper-classmen the "I don't care anymore!" attitude about everything.

Numerous seniors felt that too much was expected of them. Homework, graduation, and college were in the minds of these students. Seniors were constantly reminded to set an example for the rest of the school. They were expected to get good grades, exhibit excellent behavior, and in addition be the leaders of the school. All of these pressures added up to total misery for the

twelfth graders.

For some seniors the time from February to May gave them the opportunity to daydream about the freedom of graduation. Graduation was the ultimate goal of high school students although it sometimes felt unobtainable. In several teachers' rooms calenders were full of marks made by the anxious students, indicating one less day until commencement.

As quoted by senior Amy Cook, "Senioritis creeps up on you. You feel it all throughout high school, but it gets stronger with every year. You feel it especially in the last semester of your senior year. The only thing that keeps you going is knowing that you will finally graduate. Thank Goodness."

Senioritis was not all bad though. It did spark the school spirit of the class of 1986. One example was the Leo Breakfast Club. Once a month, the seniors met at various places before school and enjoyed breakfast together. This was only one way that the class was brought together.

As May 29 rolled around, the seniors began to recover from the symptoms of senioritis, and the anticipation of the future replaced the misery of the exasperated seniors. They kindly bequeathed the ailment to the junior class to experience during their upcoming final year.

— Chris Scheil



graduation



While everyone gets seated and fans themselves from the heat, two herald trumpeters announce the seniors' arrival.

Relaying her vision of the future to the seniors, Salutatorian Angy Nixon encourages the class to excell in whatever dreams they have.

Robes, caps, and roses are all a part of graduation tradition. Karen Lothamer, Cherie Crooks, and Pam Alwine pick up their flowers before ceremonies begin.

After marching into the gym, with friends and family present, the seniors are together for the last time, awaiting the moment their diplomas will be in hand.



Photos by Watters Studio



After years of studying and making sacrifices, Bob Earl comes out at the top of his class academically, thus earning the Valedictorian award given by Dr. Stuelpe.





A Step Closer

Graduation was the final step before taking the plunge into adulthood.

Another important milestone in the lives of the seniors was about to be met. The day was May 29, 1986 — Graduation Day. For twelve years the students had been preparing for this moment. Although the day was gloomy and rainy, the weather did not dampen the seniors' enthusiasm. It was a time of both happiness and sadness for them. That evening, the seniors sat together in the auditorium for the very last time as a class. They awaited the ultimate goal, to receive their diplo-

mas. That piece of paper to them symbolized a great sense of achievement and accomplishment.

Receiving a diploma was not the final step for the seniors, however. Sitting there, thoughts of the future flashed in the minds of many. Final decisions about college, jobs, and for some, considerations of starting a family, had to be made. A feeling of independence became apparent in the seniors as they began to face the challenges of becoming adults.



Tears and handshakes of congratulations surround Brad Coolman, meeting with friends in the auditoria.

At last! After the last diploma was handed out the tassels were turned marking the end of high school.

Graduation cont.

Along with the future, the past was reflected. The time of first coming to the school as seventh graders eager to face the trials and tribulations of homework and teachers for six years. Also remembered by the seniors were their first loves, Friday-night football games and school dances. Probably, the thing that was most remembered was all the fun times spent with best friends. Some people would never see each other again as they went their separate paths. The time was very bittersweet.

As exchange student, Jorgen Knudsen said, "Graduation is a time of looking both backward and forward. You know that you will miss all of your friends, but you also know you have the future and college to look forward to. It is really strange to realize that I made it through my senior year, it went so quickly."

The evening was highlighted when Valedictorian Bob Earl and Salutatorian Angy Nixon bid their final farewells to L.H.S. Their message was simple: the future holds everything for anyone and to go for it all. Senior class president Wiley Kite then passed the torch to the upcoming class for them to make their own special mark on the school.

After the diplomas were handed to the seniors and their tassles were turned, they knew it was not the end of the road. A commencement by definition, is only the beginning.

— Chris Scheil





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After many hours of preparation, the senior choir, under the direction of Mr. Jack Flick, sing "Flying Free".



Running between raindrops, if it's possible, Amy Steininger hurries to find a place where it is dry. Not only did the storm cause problems outside, but it also caused electrical problems on the inside.

"Gimme a hug!" Jorgen Knudsen and Dawn Gardt share a moment after graduation in one last embrace before leaving for parties or other activities.

Before letting his discus fly, junior Jay Kimes takes a moment to clear his mind and concentrate on the next movement in his form.

photo by Celeste Schaefer

Spending the day on the course, golfer Ann Reece takes a straight, sweeping shot at her ball to remove it from the sand trap and send it on its way.

photo by Jane Reece





Changing Sports

Being an athlete was more than practice and awards. It meant changing and stretching and growing.

Endurance. Pain. Strength. Improvement. These words were often on the lips of the team coaches. "No pain, no gain." Every sprinter, wrestler, center, and quarterback knew what pain meant, and they knew how much it hurt to reach just a little farther towards being the best. The best was just what they were. Both the optional gymnastics team and the junior high girls' basketball team took their ACAC titles, and three wrestlers advanced to state finals competition.

Being the best took time and patience. The life of an athlete changed when his season rolled around. Parties, late movies, and after-school snacks were given up in order to get into training. An athlete also changed physically and mentally. During daily practice, the athlete became healthier as well as stronger and more agile. In order to reach his goal, an athlete had to forget all else and concentrate only on going the distance. He needed discipline and a great sense of loyalty to himself and his teammates. Being an athlete makes him stretch himself past his previous achievements and on to greater goals and challenges.



photo by Julie Hosier

Before their cross country meet, these junior high girls stretch their hamstrings to prevent any serious injuries.

Fulfilling A Need

Practice and hard work pulled the varsity and reserve teams through a tough season.

RESERVE FOOTBALL

Leo	6 — 28	Adams Central
Leo	6 — 8	Garrett
Leo	22 — 18	Eastside

season: 1-2



After the defense made a great tackle, offensive line players Keith Neuman, Travis Jacquay, and Dave Alexander cheer the team on to victory.

VARSITY AND RESERVE FOOTBALL.

(front row): Travis Jacquay, Dave Wertman, Scott Hinkle, Dain Bufe, Shane Koch, Jody Grunden, Jeff Zink, Jess Zink. (2nd row): Steve Lengacher, Dave Roberts, Kevin Kreilach, Aaron VanLue, Jeff Hampton, Chris Cox, Sam Powell, Doug Lake, Dave Alexander. (3rd row): Matt Bertsch, Jeff Kimbel, Jim Harris, Gary Laird, Brad Frederick, Nate Shade, Dave Galbraith, Wally Miazga. (back row): Coach Bill Bollier, Coach Nate Evans, Coach Mike Bearman, Brad Coolman, Jay Kimes, Doug Sanders, Darren Harter, Keith Neuman, Manager Mike Williams, Manager Terry Crooks, Manager Jamie Fuller, Manager Sam Gordon.

The coach saw the eagerness and intensity of the player who stood on the sidelines — silently hoping for his break. Making a decision, the coach told him to get out there and show what he was made of. Not only had the player improved his sense of confidence, pride, and his ability to take control of the situation, but he also helped spur on another victory.

This could have been anyone, anywhere, at any time. However, this was unique to Leo — the need to dominate and control. From the youngest of the ranks to the oldest, the Lion football teams felt this need ... and fulfilled it.

Although the varsity team's season record hadn't necessarily showed it, the team never slowed up. At the end of their season, the team lost a heart-breaking sectional game by two points.

"We really never played as a team until the end of the year," said junior Aaron VanLue when asked about the team.

At the Letterwinners Banquet, several awards were given

en. Jess Zink received Best Offensive Back, while Brad Fredrick was awarded best Defensive Back and the Ironman Award. Best Defensive and Offensive Lineman Award and the Helmet Award went to Brad Coolman, and Jeff Zink pulled in the Best Sock Award. Aaron VanLue and Wally Miazga both received the Belt Award and the Non-starter award went to Dave Alexander.

"It was a frustrating season, but we never gave up," stated Coach Bill Bollier when questioned about the football season.

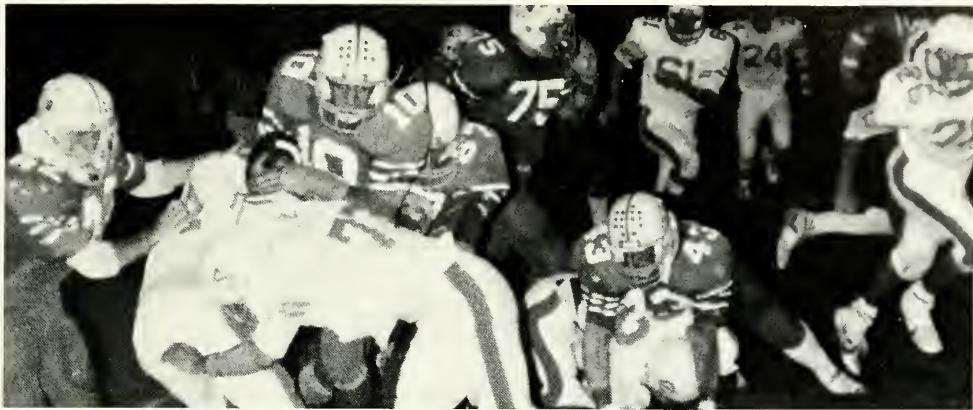
Because the reserve squad had so few players, their number of games were limited. This had not, however, dampedened the team's spirit. These men also filled in for the varsity.

"I think we had a lot stronger team than what our record showed," said junior Doug Sanders.

Even though their record hadn't showed it, the reserve and varsity football teams had the spunk to pull through the season.

— Mary Minich





In the long run, having given up some of their summer, as well as after-school time for practice payed off for the varsity and reserve teams. Here senior Jeff Kimbel (10) uses some of his well practiced abilities to charge through the Carroll line.

Although the season didn't go as they had planned, the varsity team stuck together. Coach Bill Bollier tells sophomore Keith Neuman what play to use when he gets in to the game.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Leo	28	16	Eastside
Leo	11	36	Adams Central
Leo	7	6	Southern Wells
Leo	6	20	Carroll
Leo	6	34	Heritage
Leo	0	21	Woodlan
Leo	7	14	Churubusco
Leo	2	13	Northridge

season: 2-6

Proven Talents

These talented players proved their expertise to their coaches, fans, and opponents.

SEVENTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Leo	28-28	Perry Hill
Leo	29- 6	Hunertown
Leo	40- 0	Heritage
Leo	14- 6	Garrett
Leo	30- 6	Churubusco
Leo	34- 0	Woodlan

season: 5-0-1

EIGHTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Leo	20-14	Perry Hill
Leo	0-26	Hunertown
Leo	46- 0	Heritage
Leo	32- 6	Garrett
Leo	26- 0	Churubusco
Leo	33-21	Woodlan

season: 5-1

WHITE SQUAD FOOTBALL

Leo	22- 6	Adams Central
Leo	28- 0	Southern Hills
Leo	8- 0	Churubusco
Leo	0-34	Woodlan
Leo	6-16	Angola
Leo	6- 6	Carroll
Leo	26- 6	Heritage

season: 4-2-1

"Get him!" Jamie Grunden goes for the tackle while Jeff McKee hands off the football to Doug Minich during an out of season scrimmage.

No one dreamed that the seventh and eighth grade football teams could have such a successful season.

"We didn't have the best players or the biggest players compared to our opponents," said Coach Nate Evans. We had such a successful season because we had forty-four guys who gave 110% all the time." Both teams won their ACAC, a first in Leo's football history.

Workouts were rough for the players who scrimmaged under the direction of four assistant coaches: Jim Schneider, Bob McHenry, Kevin Jehl, Rick Hawkins, and Nate Evans as Head Coach.

The seventh grade had two

outstanding players who the team and coaches could depend on for the big plays: Ryan VanLue and Jason McKee. They were voted Most Valuable Players, with Bill Horner chosen as the Most Improved Player. Jamie Grunden was selected as the eighth grade's Most Valuable Player. Eric Loser felt the eighth grade team always worked together, proving that the little lions could tackle their way to a big victory. They demonstrated their talents, impressed their fans, and conquered their opponents. They showed that even the little people at school could win big, too.

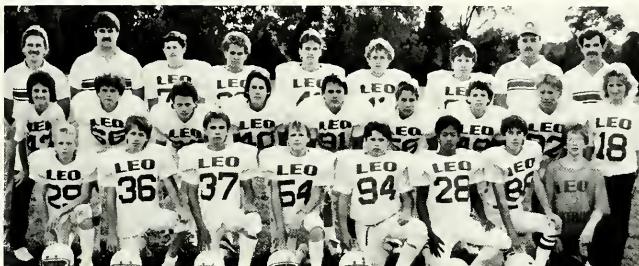
— Kris Straughn



Geofing off after school, these football players prepare for the next season.



photos by Mary Minich



SEVENTH GRADE FOOTBALL. (front row): Daniel Hayes, Chris Moreau, Mark Hamman, Matt Blotkamp, Derek Delagrange, Tom Bates, Jeff Hampton, Eli Hestermann. (second row): Paulma Grunden, Kenny Kimes, Eric Bauer, Dana Miller, Jeff Roach, Kevin Geise, Bill Horner, Bill White, Manager Rose McCann. (third row): Chris Reidy, Matt Roberts, Randy Fessenden, Jason Brimmer, Steve Moss, Joe Worman, Ryan VanLue, Kris McNiece, Ben Roberts, Jason McKee. (back row): Coach Kevin Jehl, Head Coach Nate Evans, Coach Bob McHenry, Coach Jim Schneider, Coach Rick Hawkins.



EIGHTH GRADE FOOTBALL. (front row) Kyle Geise, Scott Stuckey, Tony Woods, Mat Pocock, Doug Minich, Ferdy Jones, Shawn Bennett, Eli Hestermann. (second row): Manager Rose McCann, Eric Loser, Craig Dubea, Colby Prough, Matt Lake, Jared Shaw, Wally Hammons, Jami Grunden, Manager Paulma Grunden. (back row): Coach Kevin Jehl, Coach Nate Evans, Matt Fulk, David Ridderheim, Gary Smith, Jeff McKee, Chad Kasper, Coach Rick Hawkins, Coach Jim Schneider.



WHITE SQUAD FOOTBALL. (front row): Rick Mishler, Kurt Frederick, Sam Schwartz, Cory Lowden, Rick Busch, Norman McCann, Dan Dubea, Matt Houser. (second row): Chad Blotkamp, Jeff Jones, Pat Hill, Jason Cook, Brad Carnes, Jayme Shaw, Tim Shaw. (third row): Coach Bill Jones, Butch Schwaben, David Krielaach, Paul Newberg, Kirk Fitzgerald, Ron Zimmerman, Chae Dolsen, Rob Cook. (back row): Coach Don Greer, Joe Stolte, Joe Ridderheim, Mike Broda, Jason Pence, Mike Bertoli, Shane Blotkamp.

Intently concentrating, varsity players Julie Hosier and Tami Witt get ready to return the serve.



photo by Todd Swary

Beth Fogle, Charlene Knepp and Connie Harter all jump for the ball, but it sails over their heads to the back row.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. (front row): Amy Neuhauser, Kelly Klopfenstein, Nicol Healy, Lisa Yoder, Reann Panchev, April Minnick. (back row): Coach Mark Schlatter, Head Coach Julia Pardinek, Nancy Wyman, Angie Vendrely, Julie Hosier, Tami Witt, Manager Laura Brown.

RESERVE VOLLEYBALL. (front row): Charlene Knepp, Amy Linker, Patti Hursh, Rena Miller, Trista Holwager, Jamie Kimbel, Joelle Gerardot. (back row): Coach Julia Pardinek, Coach Mark Schlatter, Rita Vorndran, Angie Hartman, Leslie Ort, Connie Harter, Beth Fogle, Manager Deanna Johnson, Manager Laura Brown.



photo by Julie Hosier



Improving Attitudes

Despite lack of support, the girls showed great skills and a good attitude.

For two months every day after school the girls volleyball teams practiced for two hours — working on serving, setting, spiking, and blocking. This was their time spent on improving individual skills as well as attitude and team skills, which were volleyball's most important ingredients. That was also what the varsity coach Miss Julie Pardinek strived for.

"The team worked well early in the season," Miss Pardinek said, "but at Sectionals we seemed to have culminated, as the girls also knew how to use their individual skills."

Eastside was the Varsity team's opponent at Sectionals. The girls played well that night, as they showed how to work together as a team, while uniting it with concentration; moreover, they fought as Lions throughout the match and won it 15-6, 15-5.

It could have been a season with many wins, if the team had played as it did against Eastside, all season long.

As Julie Hosier said, "We could not overcome our nervousness in the beginning of the season, which made us lose tied games as well as games we should have won."

Some things were just unchangeable as the girls' heights. The Varsity team didn't have the height as other teams, which weakened them in spiking and blocking.

As Tami Witt said, "Our height didn't help us much at the matches, neither did our

friends; we missed their support, and therefore sometimes lost our confidence."

Without confidence it was hard to get to the top. From that point of view the girls did a good job, and showed a losing team can become a winning team by keeping a good attitude toward the sport.

Leo's play at Sectionals gave Tami Witt and Angie Vendrely, All Conference Honorable Mention. Angie also received the Best Attitude award at Leo's Letterwinners Banquet, while Tami was named as the Lion's Most Valuable Player. Finally, the Most Improved Award went to Reann Panchev.

As the Varsity Team, the Reserve Team had a tough season — a season where the girls learned how to tackle the hardship of losing with manners. The Reserve Team didn't get the support the Varsity would have given it by winning more matches, but still the team stepped forward.

"I enjoyed working with the girls," said the reserve coach Mr. Mark Schlatter, "because they showed improvement, and even more importantly, they looked positively on the coming years."

Both teams had good teamwork and a great attitude in their play. It was just not enough to keep their height from interfering negatively in their play.

— Jorgen Knudsen

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Leo	0 — 2	Concordia
Leo	0 — 2	Bishop Luers
Leo	0 — 2	Harding
Leo	1 — 2	Eastside
Leo	0 — 2	North Side
Leo	0 — 2	Heritage
Leo	0 — 2	Woodlan
Leo	0 — 2	South Side
Leo	0 — 2	New Haven
Leo	0 — 2	Snider
Leo	0 — 2	Carroll
Leo	0 — 2	Bishop Dwenger
Leo	0 — 2	DeKalb
Leo	0 — 2	Southern Wells
Leo	1 — 2	Adams Central
Leo	1 — 2	Garrett
Leo	2 — 0	Churubusco
Leo	0 — 2	Woodlan
Leo	0 — 2	Norwell
Leo	0 — 2	Northrop
Leo	2 — 0	Southern Wells
Leo	0 — 2	Norwell
Leo	2 — 0	Eastside
Leo	0 — 2	DeKalb

season 4 — 20

RESERVE VOLLEYBALL

Leo	0 — 2	Concordia
Leo	1 — 2	Bishop Luers
Leo	0 — 2	Harding
Leo	2 — 1	Eastside
Leo	0 — 2	North Side
Leo	0 — 2	Heritage
Leo	0 — 2	Snider
Leo	0 — 2	Carroll
Leo	0 — 2	Bishop Dwenger
Leo	1 — 2	DeKalb
Leo	2 — 0	Southern Wells
Leo	0 — 2	Adams Central
Leo	1 — 2	Garrett
Leo	1 — 2	Churubusco
Leo	0 — 2	Woodlan
Leo	1 — 2	Adams Central
Leo	1 — 2	Woodlan
Leo	0 — 2	Norwell
Leo	0 — 2	Northrop

season 2 — 17

Freshman Frances Gee reaches for the ball. Rita Vorndran and Joelle Gerardot prepare to back her up.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Leo	0-2	Heritage
Leo	0-2	Carroll
Leo	0-2	DeKalb
Leo	2-1	Woodlan
Leo	1-2	Norwell
Leo	1-1	Heritage
Leo	1-1	Luers
Leo	2-0	Canterbury

season: 1-4-2

Trista Holwager gets ready to bump the ball to the front line while Lori Wilson, Joni Zeimmer and Rita Vorndran prepare to receive it.



photo by Julie Hosier

FRESHMAN GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL. (front row): Joelle Gerardot, Trista Holwager, Vickie Grayless, Jamie Kimbel, Joni Zeimmer. (back row): Connie Harter, Beth Fogle, Rita Vorndran, Frances Gee, Lori Wilson, Coach Mark Schlatter.



photo by Julie Hosier





SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL.
(front row): Kristi Helmuth, Andrea Jamison, Penny Swartz, Stacey Scherer, Kim Stuckey, Staci Kaylor, Aimee McMahan.
(back row): Ginny Clay, Holly Stuckey, Coach Jack Larimer, Manager Lori Gaul, Coach Ruth Lebzelter, Shelly Swartz, Amy Lothamer.



EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL.
(front row): Heidi Heath, Meg Cass, Angie Hartman, Jenny Orr, Tracy Shafer.
(back row): Lori Laird, Dana DeWitt, Lisa Meyer, Carey Roth.
Coach Jack Larimer, Coach Ruth Lebzelter, Amy Amstutz, Shanna Hormann, Dianne McConnell, Julie Jennings, Jennie Klopfenstein, Trainer Luke Holley, Manager Lori Gaul.

Team Improves

After efforts toward improving their skills, the girls were rewarded with a victory.

Every day after school in the junior high gym, the Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls' Volleyball Teams' practices were held. Having the capability to really hustle on the floor, both teams' greatest achievements were learning when to apply which strategy.

The teams had a definite height advantage over most of their competition. Consequently, their spikes were more accurate and successful.

"It was a thrill to see individuals improve and meet their personal goals as well as watching the team develop bump, set, and spiking skills to prepare for games and the eighth grade tournament," commented

Mrs. Lebzelter.

This proved to be true when the eighth grade team beat a strong Adams Central team during the tournament.

The season's high point for the eighth grade team came with a 2-1 victory over Churubusco in the girls' final game.

Unfortunately, the seventh grade team did not win their last game of the season, but instead looked forward to the future.

As Penny Swartz, the most improved player said, "The last game was a victory even though we lost. That game we played like a real team."

— Amy Karst

SEVENTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Leo	2-1	Garrett
Leo	0-2	Woodlan
Leo	2-1	Village Woods
Leo	1-2	Heritage
Leo	0-2	Huntertown
Leo	0-2	Woodside
Leo	2-1	Perry Hill
Leo	0-2	New Haven
Leo	0-2	Churubusco

season: 3-6

EIGHTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Leo	1-2	Garrett
Leo	0-2	Woodlan
Leo	2-1	Village Woods
Leo	2-1	Heritage
Leo	2-1	Huntertown
Leo	0-2	Woodside
Leo	2-1	Perry Hill
Leo	1-2	New Haven
Leo	2-1	Churubusco

season: 5-4



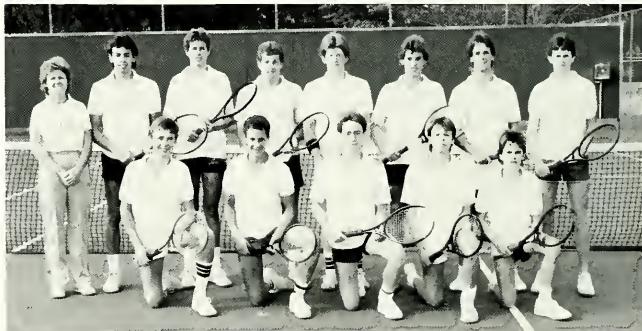
Putting, usually the hardest skill to learn for any golfer, takes patience as well as a serious attitude. Here, sophomore Ann Reece shows the consequences of a perfect putt.

BOYS' TENNIS. (front row): Scott Lothamer, Chris Neuhouser, Tim Dini, Mitch Delagrange, Eric Bauer. (back row): Coach Judy Davis, Wiley Kite, Mark Ackley, Kerry Grabowski, Joe Stuelpe, Jason Kite, Ed Busche, Randy Cole.

BOYS' TENNIS

Leo	0-5	North Side
Leo	0-5	Snider
Leo	1-4	Norwell
Leo	1-4	Lakeland
Leo	1-4	DeKalb
Leo	1-4	East Noble
Leo	0-5	Northrop
Leo	0-5	Harding
Leo	1-4	Angola
Leo	0-5	Carroll

session:0-10



GIRLS' GOLF. Heather Vendrely, Ann Reece, Marquita Mahan, Coach Jerry Amstutz, Kim Fitzgerald, Jane Reece.



Making A Profit

Even without a winning season, athletes worked toward a more important goal of self-improvement.

Although many people may have thought that sports such as golf and tennis were an easy letterm, few realized the time and effort put into those sports by the athletes who participated. Those athletes had given their all for their team and through that gained much experience as well as better attitudes.

For the Girls' Golf Team, the season was rough. Having mostly away matches, the girls had to contend on different golf courses.

"In most matches we were competitive," said Coach Jerry Amstutz when asked about the team.

Having only one senior on

the program, the Boys' Tennis Team was very young. All of the boys gained the experience needed to go on and become better competitors.

"Our team practiced hard and gave their best shot. We are a very young team, and I am looking forward to the next two seasons as the boys improve their game," said Coach Judy Davis.

Taking pride in themselves, as well as in their game, both the Girls' Golf Team and the Boys' Tennis Team pushed through another season. Although they had a rough time, both of the teams felt it was a profitable year.

— Mary Minich

Photo by Jane Reece



GIRLS' GOLF		
Leo	247-198	Carroll
Leo	242-181	Homestead
Leo	217-265	Concordia
Leo	247-207	Bishop Luers
	211	Columbia City
Leo	235	Elmhurst
Leo	285-194	North Side
Leo	238-207	Bishop Dwenger
Leo	294-224	East Noble
Leo	303-200	Northrop
Leo	297-211	Snider

season:1-11



photo by Mike Hetrick

The only senior on the Boys' Tennis Team, Wiley Kite serves the ball to his opponent across the net.

Practice for the Girls' Golf Team started early in the summer at the Cedar Creek Golf Course. Enjoying the picturesque view, junior Marquita Mahan concentrates on chipping the ball up on the green.

JR. HIGH GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY.
(front row): Sarah Fipp, Jennifer Holle, Je-
nifer Stuelpe, Heidi Strasser, Laura Miller.
(back row): Coach Ann Linson, Tunde
Busch, Jennifer Wilson, Laura Premer,
Kayle Brown.



photo by Janice Glenn

Leading the Girls' High School team, freshman Amy Clay is winding down to the end of the 2.1 mile run.

JR. HIGH BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY.
(front row): Nathan Cook, Jason Hewitt,
Michael Roy. (back row): Steven Evans,
Robert Divelbiss, Coach Ron Dubach, Phil-
ip Sailer, Jason Hanna.

Moving To The Top

Striving for that top position, the runners were off to a good start.

Wanting to be number one was a common thought of the Leo Cross Country teams. Being the top runner was a mark of great success, and for most people in Cross Country, being on top was their goal.

"It takes a lot of hard work, determination, and dedication to be a Cross Country runner. Every girl on the team met that challenge. They were awarded by finishing the season with a 7-1 record. In addition to a winning season, the girls had a lot of fun," said Coach Ann Linson.

Along with having an excellent season, the Junior High Girls' Cross Country team won their Allen County Athletic Conference meet. The team was headed by Heidi Strasser, who was voted Most Valuable Runner.

Amy Clay, A runner for the High School Girls' Cross Country Team, was selected as Most Valuable Runner for her team. Paula Smead, also on the high school girls' team, was given the Golden Guts Award.

The High School Boys' Cross Country team had a good season. Their top runner, Paul Lash, had a season time average of 17.56. The overall team time average for the season was 18.31.

Not everyone on the teams reached their full potential, but for those who did, it was a feeling of accomplishment. Everyone had one more year of experience, and that experience will help them reach their goal next time.

— Kris Straughn

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Hallway through the run, Paul Lash, the top runner for the team, pushes hard to stay ahead of his Adams Central opponent.

CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS

Leo	34-38	South Side
Leo	34-73	Marion
Leo	24-47	Churubusco
Leo	41-18	Carroll
Leo	28-36	Woodlan
Leo	17-46	Heritage
Leo	34-81	Wayne
Leo	22-41	Adams Central

season: 7-1

CROSS COUNTRY BOYS

Leo	24-34	Garrett
Leo	19-40	Churubusco
Leo	28-29	Hamilton
Leo	26-30	Woodlan
Leo	44-17	Carroll
Leo	35-22	Heritage
Leo	24-31	S. Wells
Leo	22-32	Adams Central

season: 6-2

photo by Janice Glenn



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY. (front row): Ronda Caswell, Anne Korte, Amy Clay, Erin Barker, Yvonne Franks, Laura Hope, Amy Steininger. (back row): Coach Ann Linson, Megan Prough, Paula Smead, Beth Hammons, Stacy Evans, Amy McDaniel, Jennifer Richards, Dina Stovall.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY. (front row): Chad Stuckey, Joe Fipp, Paul Lash, Jeff Yankosky, John Hartman. (back row): Coach Ron Dubach, Monte Lengacher, Bob Clark, John Fipp, Bob Fipp, Greg Kelley.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Leo 47	58	Eastside
Leo 55	51	Prairie Heights
Leo 46	47	Angola
Leo 51	64	Hamilton
Leo 62	80	Norwell
Leo 52	80	Woodlan
Leo 65	74	Adams Central
Leo 72	99	Concordia
Leo 63	77	DeKalb
Leo 59	67	Churubusco
Leo 54	52	Carroll
Leo 56	61	Churubusco
Leo 54	52	Central Noble
Leo 57	78	Bishop Dwenger
Leo 45	85	Heritage
Leo 64	66	Garrett
Leo 48	61	New Haven
Leo 52	53	Lakeland
Leo 71	77	Southern Wells
Leo 49	58	Garrett

record: 2-18

RESERVE BASKETBALL

Leo 42	44	Eastside
Leo 56	59	Prairie Heights
Leo 31	32	Angola
Leo 29	20	Hamilton
Leo 46	51	Norwell
Leo 56	58	Woodlan
Leo 42	61	Adams Central
Leo 64	61	Heritage
Leo 48	53	Concordia
Leo 46	54	DeKalb
Leo 43	45	Churubusco
Leo 29	41	Carroll
Leo 34	24	Central Noble
Leo 30	48	Bishop Dwenger
Leo 42	32	Heritage
Leo 29	47	New Haven
Leo 36	37	Lakeland
Leo 43	38	Southern Wells

season: 4-14

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL. (front row): Manager Dan Crick, Travis Jacquay, Todd Bennett, Chris Neuhauser, Doug Lake, Jason Sauder, Manager Alicia Donley. (back row): Coach Don Carey, Dan Eastes, Jeff Kimbel, Daryl McConnell, Sean Lewis, Nate Shade, Joe Stuelpe, Coach Nate Evans.

Hidden Spirit

Both the boys' basketball teams had high hopes for the season.

A record doesn't show the whole story, even though it was a "not-so-good" season. Spirit ran high with the Varsity and Reserve Boys' Basketball Teams.

After exhausting basketball practices there was still teamwork to be done and still educational expectations to live up to.

Yet, nothing seemed to be able to weaken the boys; they continuously struggled for improvement. In games the fight sometimes seemed to be lost, but the players never gave up hustling and always tried to play to their potential.

"Although we were a very inexperienced ball club this year, I felt that the players handled themselves very well and gained a lot of experience throughout the season," stated Coach Don Carey.

The boys' never-ending belief in their abilities to gain another win resulted in double overtime against the Garrett Railroaders, who later became Sectional Champs. It was therefore nearly a win for the Lions only losing by 64 to 66.

For the Varsity Boys there were individual highlights in the season. Daryl McConnell made the All Conference Team, while Jeff Kimbel received Honorable Mention. At Leo's Basketball Banquet Daryl McConnell also received Most Rebounds Award and Jeff Kimbel the Best Free Throws, while Most Assists Man was Joe Stuelpe.

It was a year where much improvement was gained, and the players got ready for their next season.

"We paid our dues this year — watch out for us next year," Coach Carey said.

The reserve team had a rough season. Although they lost fourteen games, six of those matches were lost by only three points.

Coach Nate Evans commented, "A couple of breaks in those six games could have given us a winning record."

Even though it also was a season with few wins, the players never seemed affected by it but always kept on going showing an unbeatable spirit.

— Jorgen Knudsen





photos by David Catalor

After a struggle to get through Central Noble's defense, senior Daryl McConnell shoots for two points.

During a fast break following an intensive run, senior Jeff Kimbel reaches incredible heights adding to Leo's score.



RESERVE BOYS' BASKETBALL. (front row): Manager Dan Crick, Tim Dini, Matt Moreau, Scott Lothamer, Mitch Delagrange, Tim Shaw. (back row): Coach Nate Evans, Mike Bertoli, Lance Chrisman, Keith Neuman, Joe Dye, Monte Lengacher.

Never Quitting

Although the girls had a rough season, they never gave up.

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Leo	31 — 34	North Side
Leo	46 — 44	Hamilton
Leo	37 — 43	New Haven
Leo	41 — 48	Prairie Heights
Leo	66 — 36	Southern Wells
Leo	55 — 40	Eastside
Leo	47 — 56	Heritage
Leo	30 — 43	Norwell
Leo	63 — 52	Garrett
Leo	42 — 44	Woodlan
Leo	25 — 65	DeKalb
Leo	52 — 56	Churubusco
Leo	49 — 39	Adams Central
Leo	47 — 29	Carroll
Leo	66 — 43	Churubusco
Leo	42 — 52	Carroll
Leo	44 — 59	Columbia City
Leo	31 — 52	South Side

season: 7-11

RESERVE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Leo	27 — 40	Northside
Leo	11 — 30	Hamilton
Leo	14 — 31	New Haven
Leo	12 — 36	Prairie Heights
Leo	21 — 15	Southern Wells
Leo	30 — 22	Eastside
Leo	18 — 24	Heritage
Leo	17 — 39	Norwell
Leo	29 — 42	Woodlan
Leo	16 — 20	Garrett
Leo	22 — 38	DeKalb
Leo	25 — 8	Churubusco
Leo	16 — 26	Adams Central
Leo	15 — 29	Carroll
Leo	15 — 52	Columbia City
Leo	22 — 40	South Side

season: 3-13

Trying to gain possession of the ball, Leo player Julie Hosier sprawls on the floor during a home game against Carroll.

Both the Varsity and Reserve Girls' Basketball Teams worked hard to reach their potentials. Reserve coach Teri Delagrange said, "I feel that the team could have played more effectively. They were better than their record shows."

"Our record was a disappointment, but the team worked hard," added Jamie Kimbel, a reserve player.

The varsity team had a rough season. For example, the girls were down 18 points against Woodlan and tied the game with 7 seconds to go, losing on a tip in. They were down 10 points against Hamilton and they won. The varsity team, therefore, tied for fourth place in the Allen County Athletic Conference.

The reserve team also had a difficult season. Even though

the girls played well in the Heritage game, they lost by 6 points in the last minute.

For a second year, sophomore Amy Neuhauser made All Conference team. Paula Smead, also a sophomore received an Honorable Mention in the ACAC. Shana Burns was voted Most Valuable Player for the reserve team, with Beth Fogle named the Most Improved Reserve Player.

"A good trademark of this year's team is that they are not quitters," said Mr. Hey, the varsity coach. "As individuals and as a team we were not consistent enough to be game winners." The girls did gain a lot of experience, and they have a strong foundation of players returning next season.

— Amy Karst

photo by Jane Reece





VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL. (front row): Paula Smead, Shana Burns, Renee Rhoades, Patty Hursh, Amy Neuhauser, Manager Cindy Kissner. (back row): Manager Joelle Gerardot, Tami Witt, Julie Hoyer, Angie Blake, Rachel Gehring, Kelly Klopfenstein, Coach Mike Hey.



RESERVE GIRLS' BASKETBALL. (front row): Stacy Evans, Shana Burns, Trista Holwager, Jamie Kimbel, Deanna Dilley, Ronda Caswell. (back row): Danielle Duch, Beth Fogle, Rita Vorndran, Rachel Gehring, Jenni Wells, Vicki Grayless, Coach Teri Delagrange.



Preparing to pull down a rebound, senior Julie Hoyer eagerly waits during the Carroll Game.

During a home game with Carroll, Amy Neuhauser shoots after gaining a rebound.



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

Leo	33	—	43	Bishop Dwenger
Leo	32	—	51	Heritage
Leo	25	—	58	Churubusco
Leo	33	—	58	Carroll
Leo	42	—	52	Eastside
Leo	24	—	62	DeKalb
Leo	28	—	59	New Haven
Leo	35	—	63	Woodlan
Leo	38	—	54	Heritage
Leo	20	—	34	Carroll
Leo	18	—	30	Garrett
Leo	34	—	49	Angola

season: 0-12

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Leo	12	—	34	Angola
Leo	20	—	48	New Haven
Leo	15	—	49	Huntertown
Leo	20	—	31	Village Woods
Leo	17	—	36	Churubusco
Leo	27	—	41	Eastside
Leo	26	—	38	Perry Hill
Leo	15	—	45	DeKalb
Leo	36	—	39	Heritage
Leo	22	—	31	Garrett
Leo	26	—	34	Woodlan
Leo	32	—	45	Churubusco

season: 0-12

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Leo	32	—	40	Angola
Leo	29	—	41	New Haven
Leo	33	—	35	Huntertown
Leo	39	—	40	Village Woods
Leo	33	—	32	Churubusco
Leo	28	—	26	Eastside
Leo	32	—	38	Perry Hill
Leo	27	—	53	DeKalb
Leo	45	—	38	Heritage
Leo	29	—	39	Garrett
Leo	30	—	25	Woodlan
Leo	34	—	23	Churubusco
Leo	37	—	48	Woodlan

season: 5-8

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL. (front row): Eric Bauer, Steven Evans, Tom Bates, Chad Grieser, Erik Stelle, Chris Moreau, Manager Matt Blotkamp. (back row): Coach Hal Lehman, Rob Divelbiss, Chris Reidy, Ryan VanLue, Kris McNiece, Jason McKee, Dana Miller, Jeff Roach.

Tough Season

Winning was not everything — improvement as well as enjoyment meant more.

The Junior High Boys' Basketball Coaches, along with the Freshman Boys' Basketball Coaches, put their efforts into improving the abilities of the teams. It didn't always succeed on the court, where the teams were "running against the wind," but the players hustled.

Improving had taken hard work from the players on the Freshman Team. Because of losing three players, Mike Bertoli, Tim Shaw, and Mark Ackley, to the varsity and Reserve teams, tough odds had to be overcome. In the middle of the season, Tim McNiece, another strong player, became unable to play because of a broken arm.

"Because of our unlucky season, I tried not to put stress on the players at practice. Instead, they got plenty of playing time, which helped them improve a great deal," said Freshman Coach Roger Voiril.

The Eighth Grade Team was also influenced by unfavorable surprises. Almost every game players were ineligible to play; replacements were needed.

"Though we didn't win any games, the boys improved. They will contribute to the rebuilding of 'Lion Pride,'" Eighth Grade Coach

Mark Schlatter said.

For the Seventh Grade Team, the season was an improving one. The team won three of its last five games, finishing as runner-up in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament.

"The team accomplished far more than the record shows; there will be exciting years ahead for this group of players," said Seventh Grade Coach Hal Lehman. "They have the makings of a group of winners."

The season ended with the giving out of awards. On the Seventh Grade Team, Ryan VanLue was Most Valuable Player, Chad Grieser was Most Improved Player, and Tom Bates received the Hustle Award. Most Valuable Player on the Eighth Grade Team was Jamie Grunden. On the Freshman Team two players were given the award: Rob Cook and Tim McNiece, while the Most Improved Players were Dave Detwiler and Jeff Arnold.

It was an improving season for all of these teams. Even more importantly, the players as well as the coaches had fun on the basketball court. Nothing could take away their spirit in basketball.

— Jorgen Knudsen





FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL. (front row): Manager Mark Linker, Scott Hamman, Tim McNiece, Robby Cook, Jason Cook, Manager Jason Richards. (back row): Dan Orr, Kirk Fitzgerald, David Detwiler, Joe Ridderheim, Jeff Arnold, Brad Carnes, Coach Roger Voirol.



photo by Paul Newberg

The players are carefully listening, as Coach Hal Lehman is planning his team's strategy for gaining a win.

First to reach the basket, eighth grader Gary Smith sends the ball on its way for two more points.



photo by Dave Castor

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL. (front row): Manager Tom Eubank, Ferdie Jones, Ryan Lewis, Shawn Bennett, Matt Lake, Jared Shaw, Jason Hanna, Craig Dubea. (back row): Coach Mark Schlatter, Wally Hammons, Doug Stuckey, Gary Smith, Charlie Larrance, Phil Sailer, Jeff McKee, Jamie Grunden.



SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL.

(front row): Manager Jennifer Wilson, Karla Kochersperger, Stacey Scherer, Lori Beck, Kim Stuckey, Manager Aimee Hiler. (second row): Staci Kaylor, Amy Lothamer, Shannon Keesler, Tami Crossgrove, Aimee McMahan. (back row): Ginny Clay, Dawn Cook, Coach Julie Pardinek, Michelle Swartz, Holly Stuckey.

**EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL.**

(front row): Manager Carolyn Seeling, Angie Kurtz, Traci Shafer, Heidi Heath, Laura Miller, Manager Brandy Howey. (second row): Leslie Huber, Andrea Robinson, Amy Amstutz, Meg Cass, Carey Roth. (back row): Coach Kirk Clark, Jenny Klopfenstein, Julie Jennings, Shanna Hormann, Dianne McConnell, Tami Kitchen, Manager Lori Gaul.

**SEVENTH GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Leo	1-10	Perry Hill
Leo	22-28	Village Woods
Leo	5-19	Hunertown
Leo	10-36	New Haven
Leo	14-19	Churubusco
Leo	15-12	Heritage
Leo	9-18	Woodside
Leo	4-36	Woodlan

season: 1-7

EIGHTH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Leo	31-13	Perry Hill
Leo	17-27	Village Woods
Leo	15-22	Hunertown
Leo	23-16	New Haven
Leo	20-19	Ft. Wayne Christ.
Leo	31-25	Churubusco
Leo	37-24	Heritage
Leo	29-35	Woodside
Leo	17-31	Holy Cross
Leo	28-23	Woodlan

season: 6-4

photo by Dawn Oliver

While seventh grade player, Holly Stuckey, blocks her opponent, Dawn Cook prepares to throw the ball to a teammate.





Giving the team a pep talk during half-time, Julie Pardinek tries to keep the team's spirits up for the rest of the game.

Spirit Can Win

After a successful season, eighth graders set a standard for the seventh grade to follow.

Time and time again, at practice and at games, words like dribble, jump, and shoot were often heard. Teammates sitting on the sidelines cheered their team on.

The Junior High Girls' Basketball Teams may not have had as many fans at their games as the Varsity Team had, but as for spirit they had more than enough. Supporting each other through the good times and the bad times, these girls made up for the lost fans.

"The players had wonderful enthusiasm. They never lost their spirit," said Coach Julie Pardinek. "It was a delight to coach a team that had such a good attitude."

The Seventh Grade Team entered the season with limited skills. Even though they ended up with a low record, the girls showed improvement with every game.

The junior high teams both had three awards presented: Most Valuable, Most Improved, and Best Attitude. For the Seventh Grade Team, Amy Loth-

amer was awarded Most Valuable Player, Holly Stuckey was awarded Most Improved Player, and Kim Stuckey was awarded Best Attitude.

For the Eighth Grade Team, Angie Kurtz was awarded Most Valuable Player, Jenny Klopfenstein was awarded Most Improved Player, and Carey Roth was awarded Best Attitude.

The Eighth Grade Team had a tremendous victory at the end of their season. They won the Allen County Athletic Conference championship title for the second year in a row.

"These young ladies probably have the most talent that Leo High School has seen in quite some time, and I am anticipating big results from them in the future," commented Coach Kirk Clark.

Even though these girls were in junior high, they still accomplished a high goal. Spirit and teamwork were two great advantages these girls had going for them.

— Kris Straughn



photos by Dawn Oliver

While two Leo players hustle for the rebound, Amy McMahan outreaches her teammate.

JR. HIGH WRESTLING: (front row): Chad Grieser, Jeff Hampton, Bruce Lantz, Mark Hamman, Jeff Roach, Tom Ream, Tom Bates, Manager John Storey. (2nd row): Eric Bauer, Mat Pocock, Eric Kretler, Doug Minich, Jerad Hartman, Frank Bryan, Chipp Dunn. (3rd row): Trevor Huntington, Craig Dubea, Jamie Grunden, Ryan VanLue, Jason McKee, Joe Worman, Tom Eubank. (4th row): Steve Moss, Brad Kurtz, Matt Fulk, Scott Blotkamp, Bobby Roberts, Charles Larrance, Coach Bill Kerbel.



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING. (front row): Paul Lash, Brad Frederick, Brad Coolman, Jeff Zink, Jess Zink. (2nd row): Dave Wertman, Rick Busch, Shane Blotkamp, John Fipp, Manager Roger Collins, Statistician Kevin Kreilach, Aaron Vanlue. (back row): Jeff Kroemer, Dan Dubea, Jody Grunden, Bob Fipp, Jerry Lothamer, Coach Bill Kerbel.

Adding to the team score, Brad Coolman is announced winner of the match.



photo by Pam Alwine



Reaching Up

The Junior High and High School Wrestlers completed another great season.

Both the junior high and high school wrestling teams worked hard to reach success.

Tournaments and conferences reflected a great year for the high school team. As evidence of their success, they placed third in the Woodlan Tournament and fifth in the Adams Central Tournament. Brad Coolman, Brad Frederick, and Jess Zink went to the Allen County Athletic Conference Match and placed second. Those players along with Jody Grunden and Jeff Zink placed third as a team at Sectionals. At Regionals Brad Fredrick and Jess Zink placed fourth. Representing the team, they placed fifteenth out of the sixty-one schools in the semi-state.

The high school wrestlers

were not the only ones to receive awards; the junior high did well also.

All around Leo winner in ACAC and the junior high's Most Valuable Player, Jamie Grunden, pinned his first opponent in thirty-three seconds. His final opponent proved to be more of a struggle, but Jamie pinned him in one minute and thirty-eight seconds.

Summing up the season, Bill Kerbel, coach of both teams commented, "It has been an enjoyable season because all of the wrestlers worked hard to make it a success.

— Amy Karst

JR. HIGH WRESTLING

Leo 32	39	New Haven
Leo 39	65	Woodside
Leo 44	24	Garrett
Leo 30	54	Eastside
Leo 37	34	Woodlan
Leo 103	40	Heritage
Leo 52	25	Churubusco
Leo 80	61	DeKalb

season: 5-3

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Leo 43	30	Eastside
Leo 30	38	Adams Central
Leo 33	37	New Haven
Leo 29	28	Carroll
Leo 39	28	Garrett
Leo 46	31	Heritage
Leo 55	9	Churubusco
Leo 33	36	Norwell
Leo 37	29	Elmhurst
Leo 39	36	Woodlan
Leo 52	21	Angola
Leo 51	21	Bishop Luers
Leo 33	36	DeKalb

season: 9-4



photos by Pam Alwine

Requiring all his strength, Aaron VanLue struggles to gain the superior position.

Advice and encouragement from Coach Bill Kerbel is important for senior Jess Zink to gain another victory.

JR. HIGH GYMNASTICS. (front row) Manager Karla Kochersperger, Denise Beyeler, Katheryn Culbertson, Teresa Koons, Shawn Parisot, Jeni Shaw, Dusty Dellinger, Genea Ross, Manager Rachelle Davis. (2nd row): Jenifer Stuelpe, Paulma Grunden, Tamra Crossgrove, Kayle Brown, Andrea Jamison, Sarah Fipp, Shannon Keesler, Kristine Healy, Heidi Strasser. (back row): Manager Jennifer Witt, Jennifer Orr, Kathleen Sutton, Lisa Meyer, Amber Firman, Jennifer Bollier, Christa Pence, Tracey Boward, Coach Mick Wellin.



HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS. (front row): Manager Ann Korte, Christi Meyer, Robyn Harris, Michelle Rhoades, Erica Nixon, Manager Rhonda Crowe. (back row): LaDena Keller, Paula Kitzmiller, Beth Witte, Coach Mick Wellin, Coach Ron Dubach, Coach Karen Butt, Karen Witte, Amy Miller.



Waiting for their turn to perform, some of the high school team members find time to relax.

photo by Jo Hobson



Tumbling Tots To Talented Teens

Many years of gymnastic lessons paid dividends for the girls on the gymnastic teams.

From the time they were young, many of the gymnasts had practiced at various places. Through taking lessons, the youngsters gained confidence in their abilities in gymnastics as well as in themselves. Most of these "tumbling tots" have grown up to become members on Leo's gymnastics teams. These lessons paid off for the girls, and for Leo as well.

For example, the most Valuable Gymnast on the high school level, Michelle Rhoades, took gymnastic lessons at Gymnastics Unlimited from age five through eight. Amy Miller, who is another key member of the team, took lessons from both G.U. and the Academy of Gymnastics. Later both of these girls, like many of the other members, took lessons from the older gymnasts at Leo's summer lessons.

"I think that they (gymnastic lessons) have helped a great deal because I got a chance to learn things at an early age," commented freshman Michelle Rhoades.

Having a new coach had brought changes, the practices were much tougher than last year's. Mr. Ron Dubach, the high school coach, made the team do things that were very different from what they were used to.

"Practices this year were much harder. It was probably because he used to coach boys,

but he knew a lot about gymnastics and he really helped us during the season," said junior Dina Stovall.

There were many highlights for the high school team. Winning the Allen County Athletic Conference, coming in second in the Sectional, and sending four girls to Regionals were just a few. Paula Kitzmiller, Michelle Rhoades, and Erica Nixon were named All-Conference while Dina Stovall was named the team's Most Improved gymnast.

"We are very optimistic about coming seasons and are beginning an aggressive out-of-season program to meet next season's goals," said Coach Ron Dubach.

For the junior high teams, the season was perfect. Neither team lost a meet. The Best Attitude Award was given to Heidi Strasser and the Most Improved Award went to Sarah Fipp.

The various awards and achievements of the high school team and the perfect season of the junior high teams proved the value of the lessons taken when the gymnasts were young. Not only had this early training helped the girls physically, but the lessons gave them the ability and the determination to pull through the season.

— Mary Minich

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Leo 82.95	48.1	Carroll
Leo 80.95	88.0	Snider
Leo 91.8	81.65	Dwenger
Leo 85.5	50.35	Harding
Leo 93.8	76.8	Heritage
Leo 56.5	89.6	Northrop
Leo 88.6	91.6	Norwell
	87.75	New Haven
Leo 90.7	91.35	North
Leo 91.1	92.6	Dekalb
Leo 94.2	90.65	East Noble

season: 6-5

JR. HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Leo 105.65	85.80	New Haven
Leo 96.9	86.5	Perry Hill
Leo 100.1	97.4	Woodside
Leo 115.1	83.8	Heritage
Leo 108.3	93.8	Huntertown

season: 5-0

JR. HIGH RESERVE GYMNASTICS

Leo 98.3	42.1	New Haven
Leo 84.7	30.1	Perry Hill
Leo 89.8	76.9	Woodside
Leo 97.2	47.1	Heritage
Leo 93.1	79.4	Huntertown

season: 5-0



photo by Jo Hobson

Show ing grace as well as strength in her routine, junior Paula Kitzmiller performs on the balance beam — one of the most difficult apparatuses for the gymnast.

Paying close attention to the Leo runner, Coach Tom Steinhauer, Coach Ron Durbach, and Keith Neuman await the outcome of the race.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' TRACK

Leo	55-53	Garrett
Leo	65-44	Woodlan
Leo	58-51	Churubusco
Leo	62-47	Perry Hill
Leo	47-62	Hunertown

season: 4-1



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VARSITY BOYS' TRACK

Leo	81-46	Garrett
Leo	35-51	DeKalb
	73	East Noble
Leo	43-84	Carroll
Leo	50-36	Churubusco
Leo	34-88	Angola
Leo	44-82	Woodlan
Leo	6th	Angola Relays
Leo	4th	Heritage relays
Leo	4th	Homestead Relays
Leo	5th	Woodlan Relays

season: 2-4

Despite a taped leg, state qualifier Jeff Kimbel clears the hurdle and goes on to win the 300 meter low hurdles, at the Midwest Meet of Champions.



Highs & Lows

There were highs and lows in every season of every sport. There would be outstanding athletes, yet the team as a whole would not have an outstanding season. Such was the case with the Boys' Varsity Track Team.

Jeff Kimbel, who ran the 400m. relay, 110m. and 300m. hurdles, came in second at state; however, even with this many wins the team only won two meets. At the Letterwinners Banquet, Jeff Kimbel received the Most Valuable Runner Award, while Keith Newman, Travis Jacquay and Bob Clark received Notable Improvement Awards.

As the season ended, the guys had endured the cold and windy practices, Mr. Steinhauer's whistle, Mr. Dubach's stopwatch, and Mr. Bearman's weightroom workouts. There

was no such thing as a blow-off practice or an athlete who didn't give his all. There were things like blisters, shin-splints, cramps, sprains, and strains that each athlete could relate too. There was also the exhaustion that came from dedication and determination to the sport. Track was the kind of sport that required a lot of work, but received little recognition for effort.

A very long season ended with many people feeling good about what they had accomplished. Being able to show their best to others was encouraging. These feelings were deserved by every sprinter, shot putter, distance runner and pole vaulter who did his best throughout the season.

— Kris Straughn
— Celeste Schaefer

Concentrating on his form, Travis Jacquay prepares to release the discus into the air.
photo by David Castator



VARSITY BOYS' TRACK. (front row): Joe Fipp, Norman McCann, Jim Yankosky, Todd Roberts, John Hartman, Dan Dubea, Paul Minier. (second row): Ray Workinger, Dain Bufo, Travis Jacquay, Chris Cox, Keith Neuman, Tony Hampton, Marc Vendrely, Bob Clark. (back row): Coach Ron Dubach, Coach Tom Steinhauer, Shane Blotkamp, Jeff Kimbel, Jay Kimes, Fred Webb, Jorgen Knudsen, Coach Mike Bearman.



JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' TRACK. (front row): Mike Roy, Jeff Hampton, Eric Bauer, Erik Stelle, Dan Hayes, Jason Brimner, Chip Dunn, Rob Divelbiss. (second row): Chad Kasper, Tom Bates, Craig Dubea, Ryan VanLue, Steve Evans, Jason McKee, Mike Dresner. (third row): Coach Jim Schneider, Mike Klopfenstein, Charlie Larance, Bobby Roberts, Gary Smith, Jeff McKee, Colby Prough, Joe Worman, Coach Nate Evans.

JR. HIGH TRACK

Leo	59-41	Garrett
Leo	46-54	Woodlan
Leo	43-57	Churubusco
Leo	69-31	Perry Hill
Leo	37-63	Huntertown

season: 2-3

Highjump, one of the more difficult field events, appears easy when attempted by junior April Minnick.

photo by Amy Henderson



HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Leo	51-57	Garrett
Leo	41-68	New Haven
Leo	70-39	East Noble
Leo	37-72	Carroll
Leo	40-69	Angola
Leo	42-67	Woodlan

season: 1-5

"Stickiness" Pays Off

The sticking together of both girls' track teams brought them through another tough season

Stark terror. Blood pounding, adrenaline flowing, the mind working double-time, the runner jittered up to the starting line. Barely acknowledging her opponents, she slipped off her sweats — there was no turning back. After what seemed like a lifetime, the starter bellowed, "On your mark!" The racer began to wonder why she wanted to run around a track when she could have been home munching potato chips and watching a soap.

"Get set!" Her stomach had just done a 180° turn and her mouth went completely dry.

"Go!" With a blur of color, the race began.

To all of the racers, running was a pleasure. Some may have run for their health or possibly their love for the chase. But, one thing was for sure, win or lose, the team had to stick together. The High School and Junior High Girls' Track Teams were two of those stick-together teams, and for that they were successful.

The high school team had a winning, though losing season: not winning many actual meets, but succeeding in other ways. April Minnick, Heather Huntington, and Tami Witt all

broke school records and by doing so, boosted the team's morale. Possibly the team's highest point was beating East Noble by an overwhelming 70-39.

"The team was exceptional to work with this year. They were a lot of fun as well as personally successful," commented Coach Ann Linson when asked about the team.

The high school team wasn't the only team with great personal achievements. Some of the junior high team members had great accomplishments. Shana Hormann placed first in shot put at the ACAC meet. Jenny Orr placed second in the 800 meter relay along with Meg Cass, Jenny Bollier and Amber Firman.

When asked about the team, Coach Kevin Jehl said, "Many girls participated and saw action in the meets. This is a good way for junior high girls to gain experience."

Both teams proved that sticking together was what made the improvement. They may not have won in the record book, but they won in numerous other ways.

— Mary Minich

Loosening up before a home meet, the varsity team members run a warm up lap together before they enter their individual events.



JR. HIGH TRACK. (front row): Pam Witmer, Sarah Fipp, Tunde Busch, Jodi Kelley, Shawn Parisot, Heidi Strasser, Jen Stuelpe. (2nd row): Kathy Sutton, Jenny Orr, Heather Livingston, Andrea Robinson, Angie Kurtz, Lori Beck, Nicola Livingston, Paula Collins. (3rd row): Jeni Lengacher, Tracy Schaefer, Lisa Meyer, Dana DeWitt, Jennifer Hayes, Anna Jackson, Heidi Heath, Meg Cass, Carey Roth, Amy Lothamer, Kayle Brown, Ginny Clay. (back row): Jennifer Wilson, Amy Amstutz, Jenny Saum, Amber Firman, Jenny Bollier, Dianne McConnell, Shana Hormann, Stephanie Vorndran, Aimee Hiler, Tami Kitchen, Christa Pence, Holly Stuckey, Laura Premer, Coach Ruth Lebzelter, Coach Kevin Jehl.



HIGH SCHOOL TRACK. (front row): Michelle Bachinsky, Amy McDaniel, Pam Alwine, Deanna Dilley, Yavonne Franks, Cheryl Cartwright, Amy Clay, Heather Huntington. (2nd row): Kris Sivits, Sally Evans, Stacey Evans, Celeste Schaefer, April Minnick, Tami Witt, Erin Barker. (3rd row): Manager Julie Bonta, Manager Rhonda Crowe, Lori Wilson, LaDena Keller, Megan Prough, Robin Snidle, Jenny Swoveland, Jami Kimbel. (Back row): Dawn Coleman, Lisa Peters, Cindy VanDolah, Frances Gee, Shana Burns, Danielle Duch, Paula Smead, Coach Ann Linson, Coach Jack Larimer.



photo by Kim Sanderson

BOYS' GOLF

Leo	214-174	Concordia
Leo	194-195	Garrett
Leo	203-173	Dwenger
Leo	184-168	Carroll
Leo	197-170	DeKalb
Leo	184-174	Snider
Leo	173-191	Blackhawk
Leo	179-176	Angola
Leo	166-134	Churubusco
Leo	183-177	Woodlan
Leo	174-176	South Side
Leo	188-174	New Haven
Leo	174-153	Harding

season: 4-10

GIRLS' TENNIS

Leo	1-4	Adams Central
Leo	2-3	Wayne
Leo	2-3	DeKalb
Leo	4-1	Harding
Leo	2-3	Northrop
Leo	1-4	Norwell
Leo	0-5	Angola
Leo	2-3	East Noble
Leo	3-2	Columbia City
Leo	0-5	Carroll
Leo	0-3	North Side
Leo	RO	Snider
Leo	RO	Elmhurst
Leo	2-3	New Haven

season: 2-10



photo by Paul Nowak

Concentrating on driving the ball towards the green, Brad Frederick begins his swing.

The "determined look" came to Reann Panchiev's face while she was trying to return the serve to her opponent.



Know One's Stuff

Gaining experience, or improving former skills were the teams' main goals.

For some, it wasn't talent that they lacked, only experience. For other it was taking their already gained experience and perfecting it.

For the tennis team, it was "A year of building doubles teams and strengthening the singles," said the girls' coach Judy Davis. As an example, at the DeKalb Invitational Lisa Yoder, Dina Stovall, Vicki Grayless all came in second. Also, Lisa Land, Reann Panchev, Amy Neuhauser, and Christi Meyer all came in fourth.

The golf team was proud of their season according to their coach, Mr. Don Carey. "We won two more matches than last year. Also we finished sixth at ACAC," he said.

The tennis team voted Lisa Yoder the Most Valuable Player and Lisa Land received the Most Improved Player Award. In golf, Brad Frederick received the Most Valuable Award.

Both teams learned that being new at a sport, one cannot expect to win at first, a person has to pay his or her dues. The teams practiced, played other teams, and gained the experience necessary to become better players.

— Amy Karst



Aiming at the flag, Dave Alexander chips his ball out of the sand trap.

photo by Paul Newberg



photo by Paul Newberg

GIRLS' TENNIS. (front row): Trista Holwager, Tracy Busch, Reann Panchev, Stephanie Combs, Genny Jones, Lisa Yoder, Dina Stovall, Susan Mancini. (back row): Coach Judy Davis, Vicki Grayless, Amy Neuhauser, Lisa Land, Tammy Lake, Beth Fogle, Melanie Brandt, Christi Meyer, Beth Craig.

BOYS' GOLF. (front row): Rick Busch, Trent Mosier, Jason Kite, Jim Seffrin, Scott Butler. (back row): Coach Don Carey, Doug Sanders, Brad Frederick, David Alexander, Mike Hetrick, Paul Newberg.



photos by Sam Gordon

Waiting for their turn to play, some of the varsity team members watch the game.

One member of the pitching staff, Todd Bennett, winds up for a pitch.

BASEBALL

Leo	5- 4	Hamilton
Leo	2-12	Harding
Leo	3- 7	Garrett
Leo	0- 8	DeKalb
Leo	8- 2	Southern Wells
Leo	13- 8	Southern Wells
Leo	1- 2	Eastside
Leo	1- 0	Carroll
Leo	2-12	Snider
Leo	3- 8	Snider
Leo	4- 0	Woodlan
Leo	6- 7	Adams Central
Leo	1-10	Churubusco
Leo	6- 7	East Noble
Leo	0- 5	Heritage
Leo	3- 2	Heritage
Leo	11- 0	B.H. Christian
Leo	6- 5	Columbia City
Leo	5- 4	Columbia City
Loe	3- 4	Norwell
Leo	0-1	Norwell
Leo	4- 5	New Haven
Leo	2- 4	Angola
Leo	3- 2	North Side
Leo	0-11	DeKalb

season: 9-16





VARSITY BASEBALL. (front row): Scott Lothamer, Chris Neuhauser, Doug Lake, Tim McNiece, Tim Shaw. (2nd row); Manager Jamie Fuller, Aaron VanLue, Lance Chrisman, Tim Dini, Nick Kitchen, Manager Sam Gordon. (back row): Coach Kirk Clark, Joe Stuelpe, Todd Bennett, Ed Busche, Sean Lewis, Gary Laird, Nate Shade, Coach Mike Hey.



RESERVE BASEBALL. (front row): Scott Lothamer, Tim McNiece, Tim Shaw, Dave Wertman, Kirk Fitzgerald. (back row): Joe Stuelpe, Dan Roman, Rob Bastian, Troy Smith, Tim Dini, Coach Kirk Clark.

On The Mound

The pitching proved to be a great asset to the team.

"Strike two!" yelled the umpire from behind the plate.

Standing on the mound, the pitcher thought of what had to be done. Quickly looking at the men on base, he prepared for the pitch. With great concentration he began the smooth, graceful windup. His arm cut through the air and the ball then whirred toward the plate.

In a split decision, the umpire hollered, "Strike three, you're out!"

For Leo's team, pitching was what kept the team together. The pitchers got the team through every play and helped them into the next one.

Coach Mike Hey commented, "Our pitchers were our strong points of the year. Sean Lewis, Nate Shade, Tim Dini, and Todd Bennett all kept us in

each game."

The team had awards given out at the end of the year. Sean Lewis was named All Conference for the short stop position. He also received the awards for the most RBI's, the lowest pitching ERA, and, along with Nate Shade, got the most wins for a pitcher. Six of the team members had a .300 batting average: Tim Dini, Aaron VanLue, Ed Busche, Sean Lewis, Lance Chrisman, and Gary Laird.

Although it was a hard year for the team, it was young and the players gained valuable experience.

To sum up the season, Sean Lewis said, "It's been a frustrating year, but I think it will be a rebuilding season next year."

Mary Minich



photo by Lesley Meredith

Stepping up to the plate, Coach Hey prepares to hit some practice balls to the team.

Other Cheerleaders

Entertaining crowds and encouraging players were all in the line of duty for the Drill Squad and Matmaids.

A different kind of cheerleaders were the Drill Squad and Matmaids. These girls did some of the same things as cheerleaders, but in a different way.

The Drill Squad performed routines during halftime at the home football and basketball games. The girls also performed at Grabill Days, the Auburn Parade, and at Cedar Point. These routines were made up by the girls and perfected with the help of their sponsor, Miss Mary Schrein. Many hours of

hard work were put into these performances.

Because of the small numbers in the individual groups of flags and poms, they had to combine the two. Miss Schrein commented that "The girls were very good about adapting to that change."

The Matmaids had many duties to fulfill also. They set up for the wrestling meets and cleaned up afterwards. During the meets, they handed out oranges, the guys' sweats, and cheered them on to victory. At

the end of the meets the girls got to hand out ribbons to the winners.

Throughout the season, the girls sold ads for the roster book and M & M's. The money raised from these sales was used for the wrestlers "feast" at the end of the season.

All of these girls helped to raise the spirits of the players and of the fans. They did their duties, and they were proud of their accomplishments.

— Amy Karst



photos by Amy McDaniel

With smiles on their faces, the Drill Squad performs a lively routine at halftime.

During halftime the Drill Squad performs a pom routine for the fans.





photo by Amy McDaniel



Drill Squad members show their versatility by working with flags during a home game.

DRILL SQUAD. (front row): Rhonda Wan nemaker, Debbie Peters, Joyia Morgan, Cindy Rayl, Melany Moorehead, Sponsor Mary Schrein. (back row): Jennifer Rayl, Phuong Huynh, Meaghan Ritchey, Jo Hob son, Pam Alwine, Allison Keller. (not pictured): Joelle Gerardot.

MATMAIDS. (front row): Jodie Halt, Mary Pfister, Melanie Brandt, Missy Sutton, Jennifer Richards, Jo Hobson, Pam Alwine. (not pictured): Amy Clay, Angy Nixon.

photos by Jo Hobson



Cheer For Spirit

Cheerleading required not only time but a good attitude and lots of effort.

Varsity cheerleaders Dina Stovall and Bob Clark take time out from cheering to pose for a picture.



EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS. Jenifer Stuelpe, Jenni Bollier, Amber Firman, Leslie Huber, Jeni Lengacher, Lisa Meyer.

SEVENTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS. (bottom): Candy Snelling, Tunde Busch. (middle): Kayle Brown, Christa York. (top row): Jody Kelley.

Whether winning or losing, basketball or football, the 1985-86 Lion cheerleaders were dedicated to the cause.

From childhood gymnastics classes and the many long hours of practices, to junior and senior high cheerleading camps and practices, these students learned to sacrifice their personal time in order to meet the demands and responsibilities of being cheerleaders. Hard work and numerous group practice sessions were required to obtain the perfect rhythm necessary to perform the tasks set before them.

The cheerleaders' first priority was to know all routines well. Whether that meant practicing a newly learned cheer or

working on precise arm movements, the cheerleaders had to be prepared.

Cheerleading is a demanding sport, both mentally and physically.

"I've been a cheerleader since the seventh grade," said Dina Stovall, "and even with all the little problems it was still a lot of fun."

"To me cheerleading was like a job with many responsibilities, but it was a job that I enjoyed doing," said senior Bob Clark.

The cheerleaders did everything that was expected of them. They fulfilled their positions with an expertise on which they can be commended.

— Kris Straughn





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VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. (front row): Tracy Busch, Marie Fogle, Beth Witte, Christi Meyer. (back row): Ed Busche, Aaron VanLue, Jeff Zink, Tony Hampton, Bob Clark.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Laurie MacQueen, Rena Miller, Shelly Barker, Kelly Neuhauser, Paula Kitzmiller.



photo by Dawn Oliver

High school cheerleaders, Michelle Wearley, Dina Stovall, and Paula Kitzmiller are practicing their favorite cheer for the next game.



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS. Angela Moore, Kris Sivits, Karen Witte, Jodi Baum, Michelle Rhoades.

Fun Packed P.E.

The advanced physical education classes experienced a variety of adventurous trips

Advanced physical education teacher, Mike Hey poses with the bus driver for the trip, after looking at the view of the valley.



photos by Mike Hey



After a long trip to the Smokey Mountains, students pose for a picture before heading to the trails.

When school began in August, physical education was thought of as running around the track, participating in different games ranging from tennis to dodgeball, or just playing an easy game of softball on a sunny day.

One advantage Leo had over other schools was the four advanced p.e. field trips taken throughout the school year. These trips were definitely fun-filled and packed with adventure. They included canoeing, bowling, racquetball, skiing, and mountain climbing.

The trips began with canoeing in September. Eighty-five students were included in this trip down Pigeon River. This was the sixth year for Leo to take students on this trip. Mr. Hey, Mrs. Manger, Mr. Carey, Mr. Boller, and Dr. Stuelpe accompanied the students and said they enjoyed it as much as the students did. The canoe trip was one more way to introduce students to a lifetime sport.

On December 16th, the advanced p.e. classes went on another of their yearly field trips. This trip lasted six hours and was composed of bowling at Northcrest Bowling Lanes and racquetball at Summit City Racquetball Club.

The next trip was the very successful ski trip to Cannonsburg, Michigan on Thursday, February 20th.

"I had never been skiing and it was quite an experience. I fell a couple of times but I still enjoyed it very much," said Heather Huntington.

The purpose of the ski trip was to familiarize students with

the art of downhill skiing, and for it to become a regular activity for them. Within two hours after arriving, students were moving from the beginning slope to the more complex slopes. After six hours of thrills and chills, students reluctantly boarded the bus and headed back home to Leo. The students rated this trip as one of the best trips they had ever been on.

But the most memorable trip was the fourth and final one to the Smokey Mountains. On the morning of May 17th, a bus pulled away from the Leo High School parking lot headed for the mountains. It arrived there on Sunday, May 18th, in time for breakfast. The climbing of the Chimney Mtns. began at 10:00 a.m. and ended with a campground dinner. On Monday, May 19th, they hiked the Appalachian Trail. They left that night and arrived home in time for school Tuesday morning.

"It was great watching students doing something physical, becoming tired, being a little scared, conquering it, and seeing the satisfaction on their faces," commented Mr. Hey. "It was one of the better trips we have ever taken. We had several students who loved it and plan on going back on their own time."

When school ended in early June, the thought of their adventures was fresh in their minds as they remembered what a wonderful time they had had. The "old" thought of p.e. had escaped them and a new had taken its place.

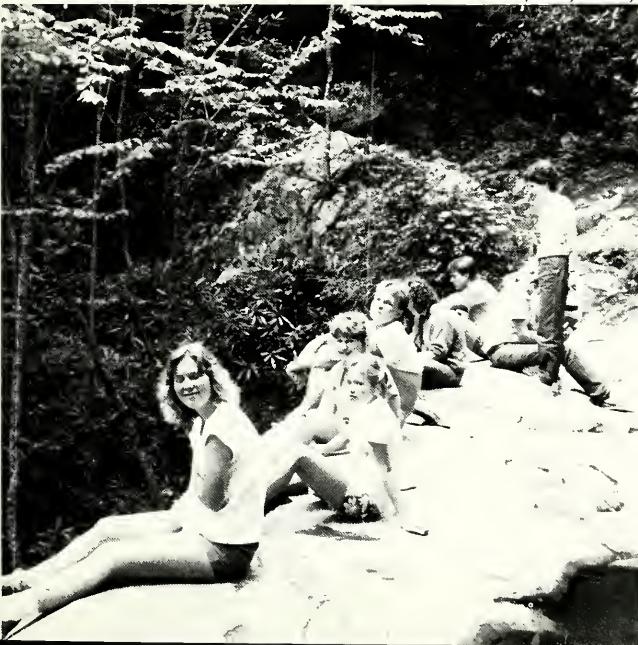
— Kris Straughn



photo by Mike Hey

Taking a break from hiking, the following students pose on the crest: (front row): Tony Hampton, (second row): Ray Worckinger, Ronda Caswell, Jennifer Richards, (third row): Dave Roberts, Ann Reece, Heather Huntington, Tracy Mohler, Cindy Kissner. (fourth row): Kerry Grabowski, Dan Roman, Missy Hampton, Jerry Lothamer, Joyia Morgan, Keith Neuman.

These mountain climbing students are taking time out to enjoy the beautiful scenery while on the Smokey Mountain field trip.



Enjoying the creativity of art class, Deanna Dilley drops her "Egg Dropping Device," a contraption made of paper and glue which must keep the egg from breaking, as Eric Montieth, Trista Holwager, and the rest of the class watch on.

photo by Lisa Huntington

To learn about the properties of science, Heidi Strasser tries to create her own machine in her eighth grade science class.

photo by Chris Neidhofer



Changing Academics

Students realized that an education was a necessity for a safe and secure future.

The typical school day for most students began with the annoying sound of an alarm clock. It was highly unlikely that the student threw back the covers and sprang out of bed just bursting with eagerness to get ready for school. A more realistic approach would have probably followed along these lines. First, the sound of the alarm, followed by a quick smack to the snooze button, and then a groan from a ruffled mess under the covers. Yes, another day began.

The purpose of school, as students all knew, was to prepare themselves for the outside world. There were courses to be taken, and numerous tests and papers to contend with. The responsibilities were great, and many times keeping a positive attitude towards grades proved difficult. Activities after school seemed to take precedence over studying, or possibly lack of interest or understanding in a subject discouraged students enough to forget school and just have fun. Unfortunately, students could not forget school. There was the future to consider — a good job, a steady income. They needed school, the education and the preparations it had to offer. To those who wanted a secure future, self-motivation was a necessity.



photo by Jo Hobson

While other juniors continued studying their history assignment, Susan Mancini and Jami Carey study their notes together.



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Mr. A. observes the performers beginning the speech tourney at Columbia City.

Speech Team. (front row) Mr. Artherhults, Rick Mishler. (back row) Vicki Grayless, Lisa Huntington, Kristi Martin, Heather Huntington, Jo Hobson, Pam Alwine.

photo by Mike Hetrick





Heather Huntington and Vicki Grayless show off the awards they received from the Decatur Speech Meet, for radio and poetry competitions.

Vicki Grayless performs her newscast for the judges in the final round of the meet.

photos by Jo Hobson



Adventures In Speech

Students learned to do their own thing, while being a part of the team

Noise, laughter, and seriousness — these things were heard by someone attending a speech meet. One might have seen a Leo student being an actor, a poet, or a debator in these tourneys. The Speech Team was a group of students that competed against people from other schools. There were several events that students participated in and were evaluated on, such as poetry, drama, humor, duo interpretation, discussion, impromptu, and extemporaneous speaking. "Speechees" competed in discussions which were one hour marathons of polite arguments and debate. For impromptu speeches, the competitor was given a topic and had thirty seconds to mentally prepare a speech and then five minutes to deliver it. In an extemporaneous speech, the student was allowed one-half hour to research

the topic he was given, fifty words of notes, and seven minutes to present it to the judges.

The Speech Team was started five years ago by Mr. Randy Artherhults. He tried to get the group together as often as possible, although sometimes "speechees" had to practice with fellow speech members in the car on the way to tourneys. "Speech team was a challenge, and that was a challenge we had to take when competing against other schools," commented speech member Vicki Grayless.

The members of the Speech Team traveled all over Northern Indiana. Their meets took them to DeKalb, Northrop, Columbia City, and Decatur. The team had also competed twice in state competition. In the last five years Leo has received two trophies, which was no easy task against competitors

from much larger schools.

The tourneys were judged by coaches and teachers from participating schools. In an average month the team competed in two tourneys. Each speaker faced at least three rounds of competition during the Saturday speech meets, and the best ones went on to a final round where they, along with the winners from the other rounds, faced three judges. From this hard work and dedication, a "speechee" could have lettered for his or her involvement.

Mr. "A" best summed it up by saying, "Students who compete in speech take with them a self-confidence and courage that they could get nowhere else. These students can think on their feet, can adapt to changing situations, and have a built-in pride that is reflected in everything they do."

— Traci Knoblauch



Looking To The Future

Learning new skills in business classes helped students in a variety of ways.

Typing is no longer a subject pursued by secretaries only. Typing is now referred to as keyboarding, because of the extensive use of computers. Beginning keyboarding students, from grades 10-12, did minimal word-processing in addition to learning basic keyboarding skills, letters and a variety of other things.

With all the uses of computers, two new classes were offered by the Business Department. These classes were Computer Literacy and Word Processing, taught by Mrs. Linson. The students did their work on Wang computers. A variety of students signed up for this class and felt it was a real challenge. Another keyboarding class offered was Office Practice. This was for students who had already taken a one year course in typing and were reinforcing their skills and learning new ones as well. All of these courses were beneficial because of the increased emphasis on computer usage in various areas.

Another valuable skill learned

in the Business Department was shorthand. There were twelve students enrolled in the class. While shorthand helped students take notes faster, it was also a great advantage for all, since it is a skill that could be used in both the personal and business worlds. Having shorthand skills is useful for someone trying to obtain a secretarial job.

There were some other classes available for students interested in the business areas. One such class was General Business, which was an introduction to basic record keeping and accounting. Learning to do payrolls, invoices and taxes was a part of Recordkeeping. Accounting was similar and the students learned to balance checkbooks and accounts.

All these business classes were important in learning necessary skills. These skills and concepts could be used specifically for college bound students, as well as for those thinking of jobs and career opportunities.

— Traci Knoblauch



photo by Mike Hetrick

Mrs. Lebrecht, the new typing teacher, works with Eric Montieth on a manuscript. The class reviews reports and tabulations which they had learned first semester.

Dawn Miller and **Tim Dini** listen closely as Mr. Amstutz explains some new material to his Recordkeeping class.



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Wally Miazga and Mr. Jehl work together to figure out Wally's miscalculated accounting tabulations.

Laura Brown tries to get her typing speed higher while typing a timed writing during her keyboarding class.

Working in the Computer Literacy class, Mrs. Linson helps Jill Boyce in writing her computer program.

A New Experience

Choir provided fun and enjoyment for all who participated in many events throughout the year.

The range of courses offered by the Music Department gave students a variety from which to choose. These classes provided a challenge and excitement students could not get in any other class.

Swing Choir was a singing and dancing group for which students auditioned. During tryouts students had to sing a selection, sight read, and they also were tested for voice range and tone. After becoming a member of the Swing Choir, a busy performance schedule had to be met. The choir participated in the annual East Allen County Swing Choir Spectacular, sang at nursing homes, and performed for many other organizations and social events during the holiday season.

Students in any of the choirs could compete in ISSMA, an ensemble and solo contest, to win plaques or medals. In December all of the choirs got together to present the Yuletide Festival. The Junior High Choir participated in the East Allen County Junior High Choir Festival.

The Girls Glee Club, Concert Choir, Junior High Choir, and General Music were the other music classes students could take. "Any of these classes gave students a greater self image, more confidence, and a fun time," Mr. Flick said. Participating in choir gave students a good experience, and they enjoyed themselves in the process.

— Julie Yankosky



photo by Luke Holley



photo by Mike Hetrick

Mr. Flick directs the Concert Choir in singing "Supermarket Menuette" during the Christmas assembly.

Several choirs got together from various schools to support the United Way. Mr. Flick helps out by directing a few numbers.



CONCERT CHOIR. (front row): Lori Eu-bank, Mike Williams, Norman McCann, Jeff Jones, Scott Butler, Mike Crick, Alison Horner, Debbie Peters, Michelle Bachinsky, Tonya Laux, Kathy Premer, Gretchen Korte, Patti Hursh, Peggy Henderson. (back row): Amy Little, Megan Prough, Deia Frohreip, Cindy VanDolah, Kristie Martin, Trudy Roscoe, Dawn Miller, Amy Steininger.



EIGHTH GRADE CHOIR: (front row): Amber Croteau, Carolyn Seeling, Jon Clark, Joe Bishop, Ferdy Jones, Tracy Shafer, Amy Smith, Brandy Howey. (second row): Lisa Littlejohn, Heather Livingston, Tara Piering, Meg Cass, Scot Mueller, Eric Loser, Angie Hartman, Connie Egli, Laura Miller. (back row): Andrea Robinson, Amy Amstutz, Julie Jennings, Rob Walters, Warren Crowe, Brad Kurtz, Laura Premer, Amy Ferguson, Dana DeWitt, Lisa Meyer, Lori Laird.



SEVENTH GRADE CHOIR. (front row): Dan Simpson, Randy Artherhults. (second row): Teenna Roscoe, Dusty Deter, Joy Jones, Jeff Roach, Jared Poiry, Jason Hewitt, Kristi Helmut, Paula Collins, Penne Swartz, Candy Snelling. (third row): Sarah Fipp, Andrea Jamison, Gena Grinstead, Tamra Crossgrove, Trent Grorud, Chip Dunn, Jason McKee, Alicia Nichols, Stacey Smith, Jennifer Holle, Charity Eu-bank. (back row): Kelly Boyce, Becky Karst, Mindy Perry, Shelly Swartz, Tunde Busch, Kayle Brown, Jennifer Knight, Tara Lewis, Dawn Cook, Amy Lothamer, Christa York, Amy Parrish.



GIRLS GLEE CLUB. (front row): Angie Collins, Terri Bryan, Tracey Mohler, Dawn Littlejohn, Kendra Steury, Tisha Beyeler. (back row): Amy Handerson, Kristi Fries, Dawn Coleman, Tina Frohreip, Lori Wil-son, Jenny Poiry, Joni Zimmer.



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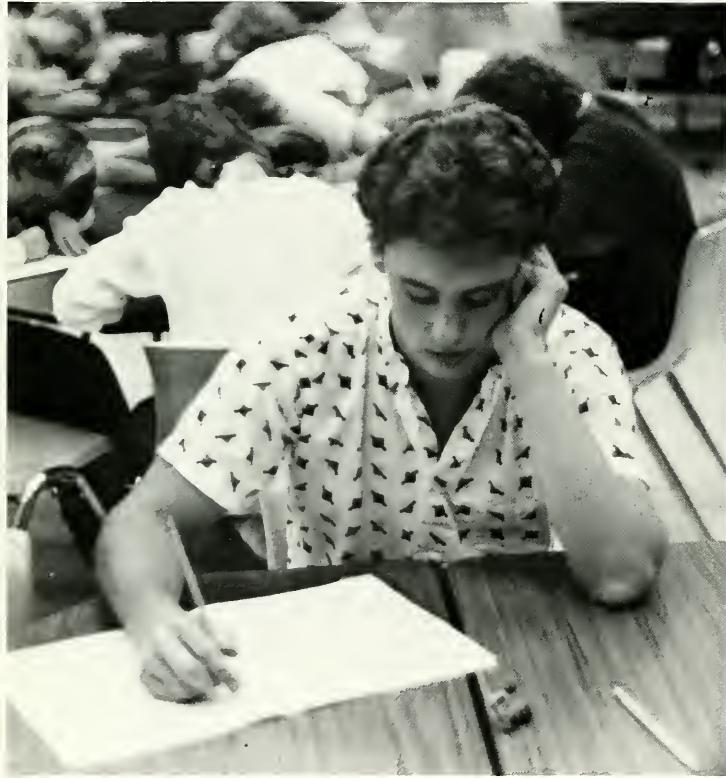


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A variety of students got together to make a video sponsored by the Highly Able Program. It accompanied the song "Christmas Spewings", written by Ken Koons.

Bob McDaniel has his creativity challenged during the testing of the Highly Able, one afternoon in the Auditoria.



Preparing for their Media Fair project, Matt Bertsch and Doug Sanders work in the TV production room, fine tuning their tapes on the monitor.

Above And Beyond

Doing activities in the Highly Able Program gave students a chance to develop potential.

The Highly Able Program brings to mind thoughts of nerds carrying every book home to study, or of a genius who gets straight A's. That was not true in the gifted program. The Highly Abled referred to the students whose interests went far beyond that of normal classroom activities. This program consisted of students in seventh through twelfth grades. They were nominated by the faculty, and then were asked to take a test measuring creativity. There were numerous areas in which students could challenge themselves, such as: art, math, science, the performing arts, media production, creative writing, and mechanical and industrial arts areas. A student didn't need to have a perfect grade point average, but rather a special talent or ability that he or she may have wanted to further explore. Matt Bertsch said, "I really enjoyed the program, and I was able to do things we don't usually do in class."

Mr. Randy Artherhults, English

teacher and A.V. advisor, was the leader of The Highly Able Program. He started working with gifted students in 1983, when Dr. Stuelpe asked him to develop a program for exceptionally creative students. Because of the seven periods a day, Mr. "A" was unable to meet with the students during a specific time. He usually met with the gifted individually or in small groups, before or after school.

After a student was accepted into the Highly Able Program, he may have chosen any topic relating to such interesting things as making films, writing music, word processing, or mythology. Other things the students did in this program were the study of geneology and special projects for the Media Fair, History Day, or Young Authors.

Mr. "A" said, "This program was very important, and it helped students to develop their own special talents and abilities."

— Traci Knoblauch



As an extra activity, Lisa Huntington works on taping a speech for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarship competition.

photo by Shane Koch

Working on the keyboard, Wiley Kite makes some last minute touchups on the music for the Christmas video, in top photo.

Different Countries With Different Customs

Various aspects of foreign languages gave students insight into new and exciting cultures.

The foreign language classes gave students an opportunity to learn skills about the languages, customs and cultures of other countries.

Tourist Language was offered to eighth graders by the foreign language department. These classes were for students to learn basic skills in both German and Spanish. They learned the colors, numbers, and letters in each language. Both classes were taught practical dialogues, such as how to find a hotel or a train station. Mostly the tourist language classes learned to see differences between our country and others. These classes gave students a chance to get an idea of both German and Spanish so that they could have a better understanding of the language to study in high school.

First year German students started by adding to the basic

photo by Kurt Schlatter



Being drilled at the board is one way German students prove they know their vocabulary, as Lisa Yoder demonstrates.

Working with a large group of students requires that Mrs. Donahue use the overhead projector to teach Spanish grammar.

skills which they had learned in Tourist Language. The remaining classes began by refreshing their German vocabularies. Second and third year classes were similar in the amount of grammar and vocabulary structure that they learned. Fourth year students worked more independently. All German students had the opportunity to take a placement test to determine their rank throughout the United States.

In the Spanish classes the students learned grammar and vocabulary in the same way the German classes did. Mrs. Donahue's third and fourth year classes were combined. Fourth year was independent and third year was more structured, though the students worked a lot on their own. Both of these classes practiced for the Spanish Placement Test which could place them in a higher level

Spanish class in college. During Christmas, students brought a shoe, exchanged it, and brought it back full of candy. First and second year students did reports on any subject relating to Spain and its customs. A favorite for all was bullfighting. First year Spanish student Jamee Garton said, "Taking a foreign language is really challenging and learning things about another country is neat."

Foreign language can be very beneficial. It is often a criteria that a student has taken two years to get into many college programs. Many career opportunities are available in the foreign language area. Included in these fields are interpreter, work in international business, or practicing medicine in a foreign country.

— Traci Knoblauch
— Julie Yankosky

photo by Melanie Poe





Getting involved in a foreign language gives these first year German students a taste of Frau Pardinek's humor as well as a taste of life in Germany.

Taking notes during one of Señora Donahue's lectures, third year Spanish student Allen Schwartz prepares for an up-coming test.

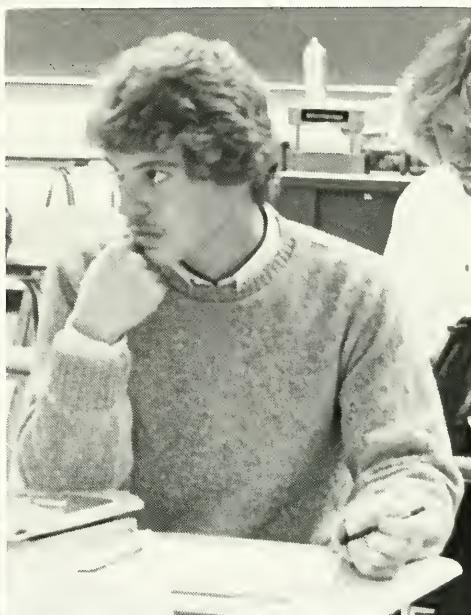


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The second year of Spanish becomes more challenging than the first, as these students find out while learning about imperfect and preterite tenses.

JAZZ BAND. (front row): Janice Glenn, David Beers, Randy Cole, Melanie Poe, Neal Cunningham, Greg Bauer. (2nd row): Tom Dykhuizen, Chad Springer, Bob McDaniel, Tom Baker, Jim Hope, Scott Koons, Brian Grieser, Chris Hartman. (back row): Doug Castator, Rich Ehlers, Paul Newberg, Craig Dahlkamp, Shane Zigler, Clint Keesler.



SEVENTH GRADE BAND. (front row): Karla Kochersperger, Nicola Livingston, Shanna Keesler, Denise Beyeler, Kris Bender, Vicki Zych, Genea Ross, Aimee McMahon, Carolyn Kouder. (2nd row): Dana Miller, Shane Byler, Keven Geise, Frank Bryan, Tom Ream, Brian Johnson, Chris Reidy, Bill White, Stacey Kaylor, Eric Stelle, Tom Bates, Jenny Weaver. (3rd row): Lorraine Venderly, Ginny Clay, Dan Alleger, Adam Shelton, Jeff Hampton, Holly Stuckey, Robert Divelbiss, David Beeching, Kim Stuckey, Chris Pongratz, Mark Hammon, Eric Bauer, Debbie Premer. (back row): Theresa Koons, Mary Verhest, Jonathon Steffan, Mike Roy Darin Platter, Ryan Vanlue, Phong Huhyn, Matt Roberts, Chad Hetrick.



EIGHTH GRADE BAND. (front row): Lorie Thornhill, Tami Kitchen, Nicole Butler, Jennifer Boller, Jennifer Orr, Kathy Sutton, Heidi Strasser, Amber Firman, Rachel Hubartt, Julie Hohl. (2nd row): Jennifer Stuelpe, Shanna Hormann, Mindy Voigt, Daniel Carey, Phillip Sailer, Johnathan Sanders, Doug Stuckey, Michael Klopfenstein, Jennifer Baker, Heather Bennett. (3rd row): Kyle Geise, Scott Stuckey, Charles Larrance, Matthew Fulk, Jeff Hinkle, David Bailey, Ryan Osborn, Eli Hestermann, Bryon Delabarre, Jason Hanna, Ray Pearson. (back row): Nathan Cook, Trevor Huntington, Lori Gaul, Jennifer Wilson, Marsha Wiblin, Paula Grunden, Kate Bloom, Angela Fritz, Christa Pence, Stephanie Vondran. Absent — John Ladd, Ann Coolman.



CONCERT BAND. (front row): Greg Koenig, Chris Hartman, Eric Fuller, Susie Wisler, Laura Hope, Jenny Swoveland, Shana Burns, Genny Jones, Kathy Koons. (2nd row): Yavonne Franks, Nancy Clark, Stephanie Fisher, Tina Hunter, Sally Evans, Cara Collins, David Beers. (3rd row): Stephanie Combs, Don Alfeld, Tom Baker, Brian Grieser, Greg Bauer, Neal Cunningham, Randy Cole. (4th row): Melanie Poe, Doug Castator, Jeff Arnold, Chad Springer, Troy Wells, Tim Caywood. (5th row): Rick Mishler, Jim Hope, Scott Koons, Mike Broda, Peter Voigt, Matt Hosier. (6th row): Kent Doctor, Todd Swary, John Sauder, Clint Keesler, Shane Zigler, Craig Dahlkamp, Jamie Fuller. (7th row): David Collier, Joe Stuelpe, Bob McDaniel, Troy Lenegacher, Ann Reece, Karen Witte, Amy McDaniel. (8th row): Anne Korte, Rita Vorndran, Vicki Grayless, Mike Thornhill, Scott Byler.



A Note Of Excitement

From marching at football games to performing at concerts, the bands were really involved.

Participating in band gave students an opportunity to express themselves through music. Students from all six grades participated last year. These students belonged to the Junior High Band, the Concert Band, which marched during football games, or the Jazz Band.

All three bands joined together to raise money for new uniforms by selling cheese and sausage. They were involved in many other important events throughout the year. One event band members enjoyed was the summer trip to Cedar Point. The band marched and afterward rode rides at the

park. In addition to that, the band held the annual Wasselbowl prior to the Yuletide festival for parents and friends of band members. In January, the Jazz Band received a special invitation from Harlan Elementary School to perform for the students.

Even with all the extra-curricular participation, time was plentiful for academics. The band learned new musical concepts, and they worked on songs for upcoming concerts and events. The band had a very busy schedule mixing learning and fun.

— Julie Yankosky
— Traci Knoblauch



photos by Melanie Poe

Attentively watching Mr. Drew, Teresa Koons, Shannon Keesler, and Denise Beyeler patiently wait for their cue.

Before the basketball game, Clint Keesler and Doug Castator warm up on their trumpets so they can be ready for the opening number.

Take It To The Limit PE And Health

Students worked to their potential in both staying healthy and keeping physically fit.

Whether or not students were aware of the fact, the physical education and health classes were beneficial to them. All high school students were required to take one year of gym and one semester of Health and Safety. Junior high students had to take PE both years and one health class in eighth grade. Most activities included sports like baseball, basketball, volleyball and track. The feelings concerning these activities were mixed. Some students dreaded the mere thought of running around in purple and white uniforms, while others liked the physical, competitive atmosphere.

Students who enjoyed gym could move on to advanced PE. This class gave students more freedom in picking activities to do

such as taking a canoe trip in the fall, playing raquet ball, bowling and skiing during the winter, and biking in the spring.

One of these students, Jason Kite said, "Advanced gym is my favorite class. There are so many more things to do, like field trips and a better variety of sports."

By taking a physically active class such as gym or advanced PE, students were able to get away from the monotonous routine of sitting at desks all day and were given a chance to burn off some excess energy.

Health classes focused on how to take care of the body, abusive habits, and of course, everything students needed to know about sex. Mr. Platt spoke in the health and safety classes about his heart operation. He also gave students a

chance to have their blood pressure and pulse rate taken. As a part of the eighth grade health course, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was taught by Don Crick. The students had actual in-class training. Another guest speaker, Chris Burns, discussed problems including alcohol and drugs, by giving students insight so that they would be able to wisely choose what was best for them and refuse what was being pushed on them. Jeff Jones best summed it up by saying, "I learned a lot of new things about the body systems. I especially enjoyed our guest speaker. This experience provided us with a fun way of learning a subject that is sometimes boring."

— Celeste Schaefer
— Traci Knoblauch

photo by Jane Reece



On all-sport free day, Mr. Hey and students from his gym class participate in an action-packed basketball game.



photos by June Reece

In Advanced Physical Education, Renee Rhoades aims for a bulls eye during archery practice.

Improving on her volleyball skills, Theresa Herman reaches to serve the winning point in her gym class volleyball tournament.



photos by June Reece



photo by Celeste Schaefer

Listening carefully to Mr. Hey, Jason Hanna and Lisa Meyer, eighth grade health students, learn about heart disease.

Not A Piece Of π

***Realizing the importance of math,
the students worked hard to per-
fect their skills.***

Math is a technical subject, challenging students in creativity as well as logical reasoning.

"Many students found math gratifying; some found it mystifying," Mr. Steinhäuser said. "It seems to be a love/hate relationship."

Math required the ability to learn new skills in addition to remembering the basic ones. When introducing new methods to the students, the teachers tried to apply the methods to real-life situations. An example was problem solving, in which a problem was broken down into the parts making up the problem, and then parts were fit into an equation.

"Although we had to work hard, math was interesting," sen-

ior Jo Hobson said, "as most teachers had a way to get us into it."

Besides problem solving, knowing how to use a computer was a future benefit as well as a present necessity.

"We are now experiencing the computer revolution," Mr. Crosby said. "Soon most jobs will require having worked with a computer."

The students in computer learned the basic functions of the computer, and even more importantly, how to command the computers.

Quite different skills were needed in algebra. Learning how to solve algebraic equations, story problems, and graphing were the

major goals.

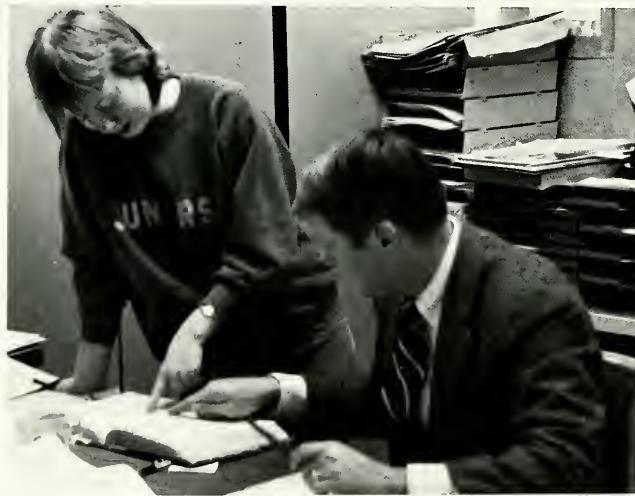
Studying geometric shapes belonged in geometry. It took some creative thinking from the students to figure out all of these different shapes and their functions.

Trigonometry and calculus, with their graphics and trig functions, also demanded extra hard work from the students.

The students had developed these general skills from one class, basic math, where they were taught addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Since the students were successful in spending long hours learning their skills, they would be able to handle intriguing challenges in the world of work.

— Jorgen Knudsen

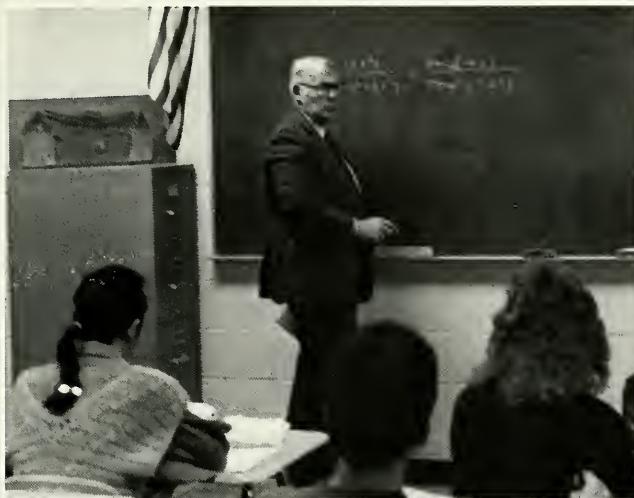


Because of the difficulty of the algebra problem, junior Patti Hush seeks advice and guidance from Mr. Tom Steinhäuser.

Photos by Paul Newberg



After writing an interesting problem on the blackboard, Mr. Ron Crosby takes a moment to answer a perplexing problem.



Basic Algebra, which is an important step for developing algebraic skills, requires a lot of work. Mr. Robert Walton, therefore answers his students' questions.

Difficult geometric problems can not always be explained verbally, so Mrs. Ruth Lebzelter uses an overhead projector for demonstrating solutions.

photos by Paul Newberg



While the chemicals heat up, Angy Nixon stirs the liquids, checking for results during a chemistry experiment.

Questioning a scientific theory, Shannon Roberts shows Mrs. Marquardt that his explanation couldn't possibly be wrong.



photos by Jo Hobson



Collecting, gluing and labeling her leaves, Drown Oliver puts the last minute touches on her leaf collection for biology.

photo by Traci Knoblauch



Scientific Fact:

Science students became knowledgeable by experiencing on a first-hand basis.

"Do you have a bur oak? I can trade you a maple or a sassafrass."

"How many bugs do you have left to find?"

"I can't dissect a frog! I need rubber gloves!"

"Can you believe we're diving the reefs?"

These are just excerpts from all the exciting activities that took place throughout the year in science classes. These classes probably did more experiments and projects and took more field trips than any other.

Biology students could be seen roaming around the school grounds searching for leaves for the required collection. Some students traded and even paid for the rare ones and the remaining few leaves they were missing. Later, they could be seen frantically gluing and labeling. Though most students didn't enjoy finding the leaves, they did learn a lot about them and the kinds of trees in our area.

Ecology students had the unique experience of searching for bugs and insects for later study and experimenting. They studied the environment and the problems we will face in the future.

Two classes did dissection, biology and zoology. Biology students studied the internal structures of worms, sea stars, fish and frogs. The zoology students had to go outside in search of their animals. They had to find such things as moles, squirrels, rabbits, mice and chipmunks. Then they scientifically identified them. For those who didn't have the heart to kill the critters, Mr. D. suggested, "Scrape them off the road."

Other animals dissected, which were provided were squid, sharks, turtles, and cats.

Zoology student Amy Lewis, commenting about cat dissection

said, "It really wasn't that bad. Actually, it was interesting. Even though all the other girls let their male partners do the work, mine was kind of wimp, so I had to do everything."

Special experimenting was done in chemistry and physical science. Lab was the most favorite time of these students. They especially enjoyed this because they could actually make a substance out of the chemicals they mixed together. They carefully measured, and recorded their results and then made lab reports from their notes.

Besides the projects and experiments, the science classes went on a lot of field trips too. Included in these were the biannual trip to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium, a genetic conference at Northside, the Botanical Gardens, and Meta Environmental Park. The ecology students took frequent outdoor trips to a forest, pond, a river, and Fox Island.

Another big trip was being planned in a science class. To some, the idea of going to Florida was a far off dream. To others, like those of the marine biology class, it was a long awaited trip after weeks of studying about marine life and plants. This trip lasted twelve days and was chaperoned by Mr. Divelbiss. They swam, sailed, and worked as marine scientists, which was their main goal for the trip.

The benefits of a science class are endless as these students soon found out. They learned this by doing projects, experimenting, and studying on a first hand basis. Science knowledge helped them to understand the environment and the world better.

Traci Knoblauch



photo by Jo Hobson

Standing tall, Chris Hartman, fills his buret with nitrogen hydroxide during second year chemistry class.

Working on his project for the Spring Art Exhibit, Jeff Yankosky finishes a portrait after many long hours.



photos by Chris Neuhauser

Digging into the nitty-gritty of art, Luke Holley prepares for a great sculpture by mixing up a batch of clay.



photo by David Castator





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Sitting in the Spring Art Exhibit area, Lisa Huntington displays her watercolor that was sent to the New York competition.

And the Winner Is —

Winning in shows and contests gave students a feeling of accomplishment for all the hard work they did.

You had talent. You worked hard. Sometimes though, all your work seemed to be for nothing. You kept on trying and finally you got recognized for all that time and effort. It may have been a while in coming, but the rewards made up for all the rejection. This last year, students in art and photography classes were able to get that recognition by entering contests throughout the year.

Many contests this last year received entries, as well as winners. One competition, the Design-An-Ad contest sponsored by the Fort Wayne Newspapers, was entered just for fun by some students while those in Art 2 were required to submit an entry. Eighty companies supplied assignments for over 9,800 entries. Out of

those entries, Leo had four winners: Jeff Hinkle, Kurt Schlatter, Lisa Huntington and Deanna Dilley each won best design for their respective companies. Deanna also won best overall ad for the seventh to ninth grade division.

Another honor went to Jo Hobson and Lisa Huntington who were selected to attend overnight workshops at Saint Francis College.

At the Scholastic Art Exhibit, at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, there were several students who had pieces shown in art and photography. Terri Kissell and Lisa Huntington were gold-key winners with Lisa's being a finalist and going to New York for the national competition. In addition to this award Lisa also won second place

in the Cedar Creek Women's Club Show, and was nominated for the Sterling Silver Awards Program in art, and was awarded the outstanding senior award at the Saint Francis College Art Exhibit.

Photography students also had their talents judged in various contests throughout the year. Donna Meyers and Amy McDaniel were honored at the Scholastic Art Show and the National Pet Week Contest, respectively.

Whether starting out with just a paint brush, a lump of clay, or a roll of film, students at Leo used their imagination to make their projects something special. Of course, not everyone could receive an award, but to know that it was a job well done was often reward enough. — Kurt Schlatter



photo by Chris Neuhauser

Sitting among the junior English students,
Mr. Stover helps them decide on topics
for their media projects.

NEWSPAPER STAFF. (front row): Kristin Neuman, Nikki Jenks, Beth Craig, Robin Harris. (2nd row): Angie Blake, Linda Wiblin, Sonya Raue, Mrs. Bernadine Smith (Advisor), Samantha lemma, Tracy Busch, Genny Jones, Mark Hershberger, (back row): Mike Broda, Jorgen Knudsen, Tracy Roscoe.



Speaking Out

By performing speeches or publishing the school newspaper, students learned to communicate their ideas better.

The student slowly clambered up to the front of the class with his heart racing, knees knocking, stomach churning, and hands trembling. Clutching the podium for dear life he prayed that the words would come out. This student is just an example of how many students from English classes felt before giving a speech. Though most cringed at the thought of speaking in front of an audience, they learned how valuable a speaking skill could be. "Although nerve-racking, speeches gave me good insight on how to communicate better in school and everyday life. Hopefully my experience of doing speeches during high school will help me in college and in my career," Jeff Yankosky said.

Students from all English classes were involved in some form of speaking, discussing or analyzing. In seventh grade, students began giving oral reports and simple speeches. Through high school, students moved on to more challenging and difficult activities. These included role playing, analyzing music, and producing T.V. and radio programs.

Sophomores did demonstration and personal experience speeches, to name a few. They also did book reports and acted out the characters from the story. Juniors did impromptu speeches and panel discussions. In panel discussions, students voiced their opinions about specific world problems or disturbing events in society. Other classes did research and wrote term papers about the pros and cons of controversial issues, such as AIDS or the legal drinking age.

Mr. Stover said, "English is a course to search out, to become informed, and to show a wide variety of communication experience."

Good research, a creative mind, hard work, and a lot of patience were the qualities that made a good reporter. Reporting was only one aspect of producing the Lions Tale, though. Editors, photographers, cartoonists, typists, and many others were involved in the production of the newspaper. There was more to be done than just writing stories and printing them. The members of this journalism class set out to do a job, to

give the news and opinions of the student body and of current events from the surrounding community. This class was different than most others in that out of this mixture of dedication, hard work, and the madness of making deadlines, they produced a product, one that many, many people would read. The newspaper wasn't just a place to give the facts. It also was somewhere for students as well as teachers and faculty to get things stirred up around school. The Lions Tale entertained and provided a unique way to speak about silly or fun events and serious, important things. Local businesses also had a part of producing the paper. They not only provided financial support to keep it going, but they placed advertisements that were of interest to the students.

Speaking out for worthy causes, personal experiences, or everyday problems were major parts of both English and Newspaper classes. They learned to communicate by expressing themselves in a way that could benefit them all of their lives.

— Traci Knoblauch

For his demonstration speech, sophomore Joe Stuelpe shows his English class the correct way to clean stables.

Photo by Celeste Schaefer



Signs From The Past

Glimpses from long ago were evident in history classes when people and experiences were brought back to life.

When Custer took his last stand, we really thought it was his last, or so we read in our history books. But one sunny day, in May, Custer stood again! Actually it was quite a surprise for most of us, except for those in Mr. Schneider's history class. Being the biggest Custer fan this side of everywhere, Mr. Schneider became acquainted with Mr. Andy Garringer, who was also especially interested in Custer. The name Andy Garringer may not be familiar to you, but for a day this man brought George Armstrong Custer to life. Andy and Jim Schneider had been friends for about a year. When he heard that Andy had a part in the min-series *North and South, Book II*, Mr. Schneider asked him to come to his history class and discuss his portrayal of the Civil War Custer and what it was like being in a movie. He came to the class dressed completely in character. Those who knew nothing of the

visit were a little surprised to see a man walking the halls in a Civil War period costume. Since Mr. Schneider has always been such a fan of Custer, he thought this would be the perfect opportunity to teach his students about his favorite subject.

Another event that brought history to life was the Calvaryman's Breakfast. Mr. Schneider, a few history students, Dr. Stuelpe, and Mr. Kurtz all got together on the morning of January 20. They enjoyed a menu ofhardtack (square biscuits made of flour, water, and salt baked until they're hard as bricks), beans, salt pork, and extremely strong coffee. Buffalo steak was also added to their menu. Once again, history came to life.

Perhaps nothing could beat this "living history", but school did have to go on and students did have to keep learning about history from the books. Some classes

had to do projects and term papers, book reports and essays. These were generally the juniors, who were required to take U.S. History. Younger students, seventh and eighth graders, took geography and history and did oral reports and map studies.

All history classes took a trip to the Old Fort and Historical Museum. There, they saw the way people had to live many, many years ago. The students always looked forward to this trip.

Signs from the past, whether living or in books, taught students the value and importance of knowing about our country and the people who paved the way for us. Mr. Kerbel said, "To be a good citizen of any country, one needs to have some basic knowledge of its history and fundamentals of the government."

— Traci Knoblauch



During the two months she was here, Mrs. Mundy took over the task of teaching government, while Mr. Gabet was away.



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While teaching geography to seventh graders, Mr. Kierslead explains about different areas of the world.



photo by Jo Hobson



photo by Jane Reece



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Andy Garringer poses in his costume which he wore in the mini-series *The North and South, Book II*, where he portrayed Custer.

Telling some of his old war stories, Mr. Butler acts out some favorite scenes to students in one of his history classes.

Writing down some important notes, Wes Huber, Dain Bufo, and Joe Dye listen as Mr. Kerbel explains the importance of history.

Learning New Tactics

Students in practical arts classes were introduced to many skills like sewing and building.

An aroma of cookies baking, tacos, and pizza filled the air, while the hum of sewing machines busy at work was heard throughout the home economics classrooms. Students were busy learning to use the microwave ovens and the often unfamiliar sewing machines. Across the hall in the industrial arts classrooms, students could barely hear their own voices over the loud machinery. Students who had never dreamed of cooking or building anything learned to do so in the practical arts classes.

The Industrial Arts Department was divided into ten classes ranging from basic drafting to auto mechanics. These classes taught students the basic use of tools and machines and procedures used in industry.

Jason Richards, who participat-

ed in power mechanics, said, "It was really exciting; we learned about engine parts and how to strip and reassemble motors. I recommend the class to boys and girls alike."

Although Jason suggested girls take the class, only five were involved, while a total of eighteen boys participated in the home economics classes. They either planned and prepared nutritious meals or learned sewing basics.

Participating in these classes gave students practical experiences in life skills: how to care for a child, how to keep a budget, and how to operate machines used in industry. Practical Arts classes gave students the opportunity to learn and grow in a way that could help them for many years to come.

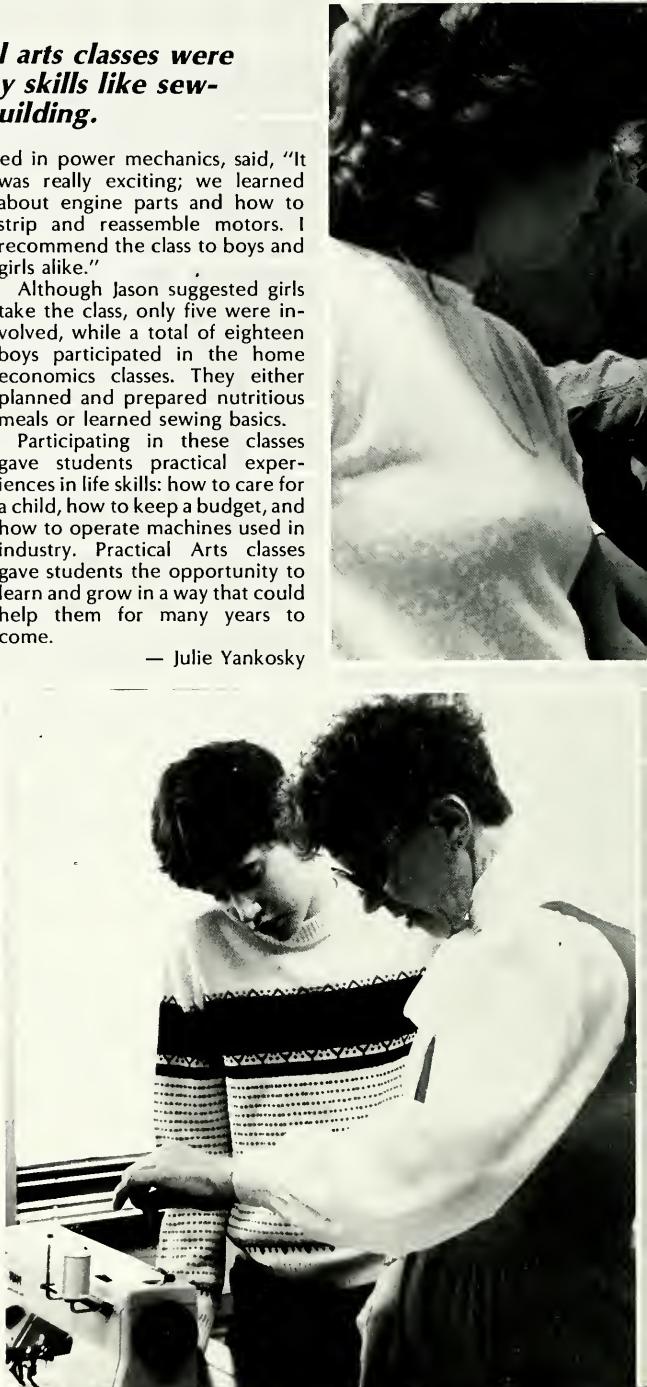
— Julie Yankosky



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Working at the grind wheel during metals class, Todd Bennett polishes a piece for his next assignment.

Learning to sew can be a difficult task, but Mrs. Schmidt shows seventh grader Bill White how to thread his machine.





Working on a project about taking care of a family, students from the child development class show off their "baby eggs".

During her home ec class, Terri Jones cuts an onion for the meal she is about to prepare for the class.



Finishing up his latest assignment, Doug Minich cuts a piece of wood on a bandsaw, during his industrial arts class.

While soaking up the rays during a fire drill, seniors Daryl McConnell, Lisa Land, and Cherie Crooks stand among the groups of students waiting to return to the classrooms and their interrupted projects.

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Before beginning their busy day, Ann Reece and Jeff Zink stroll through the halls enjoying each other's company.

photo by Jane Reece





Changing People

Students prepared for the new challenges that each year had to offer.

Assemblies and pep sessions — those were really the only times when every student in school was in the same room — or gym — at one time. All of them, students and teachers, crowded together on the bleachers in their grade-assigned lots. Strangely, those bleachers came to represent the stepping stones in these student's careers.

Thinking back to the seventh grade, one might recall how seniors were idolized and how homework on the weekends was unheard of. Then a year passed and a new section of bleachers was assigned. Changes started to take place, there were credits to earn and projects to do.

Then, like a smack in the face, senior year arrived with little warning. Soon students found there was not enough time to do everything and everyone realized that their friends would soon be going their separate ways.

Analyzing the bleachers seemed to be a strange way to describe six years of schooling, but when years pass and graduated students come back to the gym, they'll be able to envision their faces among classmates the way it was in years past.



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Before joining the hustle of the day, Tom Baker and Theresa Herman take a few quiet moments to look over their assignment.



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Dr. Herbert Stuelpe, Principal

**Philip Kurtz, Asst. Principal
Carol Gross, Guidance**



**Hal Platt, Adm. Asst.
Richard Butt, Guidance**



Faculty Members Acquire As Well As Impart Knowledge And Skills

Education is a journey, not a destination. No one demonstrates this better than our faculty who continue to learn new things.

Teachers and administrators are much like students when anticipating three months of summer vacation. Like their students, some teachers spend their time at summer jobs, while others find time to do things they enjoy, but can't fit in during the school year.

The variety and number of activities that Leo's faculty does is astounding. For example, Ruth Lebzelter, math teacher, spends her vacation concentrating more on her contemporary gospel music group, New Song. Both she and her husband, Jim, belong to the group, which consists of nine mem-

bers. They go on tours and have already released three albums and tapes which are entitled: *First Time Out*, *Carry On*, and *Crossover*. This summer Mrs. Lebzelter will spend touring Europe for three weeks, giving concerts with a music ministry group.

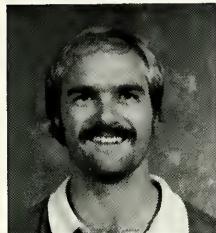
Mary Lou Holbrook is another teacher who carries her interests over into summer break. During the school year she teaches art and other related classes. In the summer she gets the chance to spend more time doing work for the Orchard Gallery, which is a co-op of about twenty professional

artists. Mrs. Holbrook works mainly with watercolors, pastels, and pen and ink, and exhibits the pictures she creates in the store. This summer they will be moving the Gallery from Glenbrook to a new, larger location at Times Corner Shopping Center.

Guidance counselor Carol Gross also has a talent for design. She and her husband took a summer to design a solar home for themselves. They then built it on the property where they have lived for years. The new home utilizes many materials and mementos from their first home.



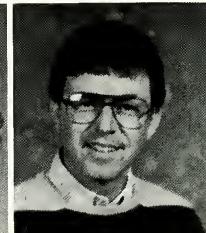
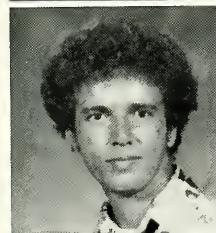
Jerry Amstutz; P.E./Health
Randy Artherhults;
English/A.V.
Patricia Barker; Secretary



Michael Bearman; Industrial Arts
Jonell Bergstedt; Typing
William Bollier;
Science/P.E./Health



Cristal Bontrager; LD/ED Aide
Lyle Butler; Social Studies
Donald Carey;
Science/P.E./Health



Ronald Crosby; Mathematics
Judith Davis; Mathematics
Ronald Divelbiss; Science

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With blue prints in hand, Mrs. Gross shows off the design for her solar house she and her husband built.

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Gerodine Donahue; Spanish
Phyllis Doyle; Instr. Aide
Kevin Drew; Instrumental
Music



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Skills, cont.

New parents, Ann Linson and her husband, are looking forward to spending the summer with baby Zachery. The Linsons had been waiting approximately seven years to adopt a child, and are delighted to have the free time to spend with their infant.

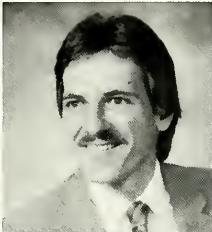
Head of the Social Studies Department, Steve Gabet has a lot of additional responsibilities with his work as State Representative. His present positions are especially ironic to him as he remembers his own high school days when he "hated government." Now, his life practically revolves around it.

Teaching home ec during the day, Shirley Schmidt also carries her interests over into the rest of her life. For several years she has created all types of crafts, wreaths, and other decorations for the Walden Christmas Boutique and the Cedar Creek Women's Club Christmas Walk. Mrs. Schmidt also works as a bridal consultant, doing everything from fresh and silk flower arrangements to decorating wedding cakes to sewing gowns. She recently developed interest in growing prize-winning roses, and has planted sixty of them.



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During her home economics class, Mrs. Schmidt takes time to explain to Daleen Croussore the intricacies of her assignment.



Mary Lou Holbrook;
Art/Photography
Kevin Jehl; Business/Social
Studies
William Kerbel; Alternative
Class



Richard Kierstead; Social
Studies
Connie Lake; Nurse
Ruth Lebzelter; Mathematics



Ann Linson; Business
Julie Manger; P.E./Health
Lynne Marquardt;
Science/Mathematics



A member of the Christian music group, "New Song", Mrs. Ruth Lebzelter shows some of the tapes and records they have made.

Woodworking being one of his favorite hobbies, Mr. Phil Stuckey spends most summers building houses.

Building and repairing are also how Mr. Mike Bearman spends his free time. When he isn't teaching or coaching, he can often be found in the auto shop, fixing up someone's car.



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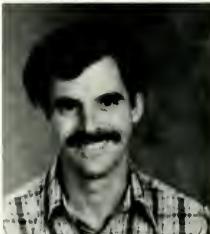
Ronald Noyer; Science
Julianne Pardinek; German
Debra Pepple; Librarian



Carolyn Platt; English
Sherry Rorick; LD/EH
Julie Sauder; Secretary/Treas.



Allen Schlatter; Social Studies
Shirley Schmidt; Home
Economics
James Schneider; English/Soc.
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Even during their lunch break, teachers enjoy the challenge of using and acquiring

knowledge. At this table Trivial Pursuit is a daily game.

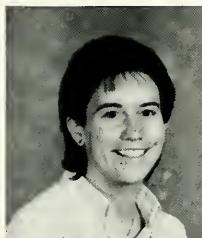
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Skills, cont

Other teachers play music professionally, build and remodel homes, work with travel agencies, and are active in their churches. Some belong to community action groups, while others indulge their interests individually. They serve as good models for what they teach: that learning is a lifelong process. It doesn't end with the earning of a diploma.

Sonya Raue



Mary Schrein; Art/English
Donna Short; Instr. Aide
Bernadine Smith; English/Jour.



Thomas Steinhauer;
Mathematics
Jerry Stover; English
Philip Stuckey; Industrial Arts



Meredith Vendrely; Secretary
Robert Walton; Mathematics

Behind The Scenes

In the busy days at school many students are totally oblivious to the people who keep our school clean and keep our tummies filled. They are rarely seen, these silent workers who are the cooks and custodians. The cooks rise early to prepare our nutritious lunches. Baking delicious cinnamon rolls, and shredding lettuce for tacos are just a few preparations done in the early hours of the day.

In spite of the hustle and bustle of the lunch line, students often stop and talk to the cooks. Each day both the students and cooks continue their conversations and fill one another in on new things in their lives.

While the cooks are working intensely in the kitchen, first shift custodians begin their busy schedule in maintaining the school. Raising our flag,

making sure our school is properly heated and cleaning the auditoria after the students finish with lunch are just a few of the various jobs done while students are studying in their classrooms.

When the school day ends and things calm down, the second shift custodians pop out of their workrooms and begin to rid the school of the accumulated "stuff" the students left behind. Students who stay after for different activities know at least a few, if not all of the second shift custodians. When a student needed to get into the school or to his locker, it was not unusual for one of the custodians to let him in if it was an "absolute emergency."

The most unknown and rarely seen workers are the third shift custodians that work from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. While

students are getting their needed rest, the third shift custodians clean the athletic areas if there were any activities that night and watch over the school during the quiet night hours.

Although both the cooks and custodians are sometimes overlooked during the busy days at school, they are greatly appreciated. Without them we would not have hot food or somebody reminding us where to toss our silverware at the dish return window. The hallways would eventually become unwalkable because of wadded school papers and empty M & M boxes. Everyone works together and things run a lot more smoothly thanks to those behind it all.

— Deia Frohriep

CUSTODIAL STAFF. (front row) Long Huynh, Head Cust. Dennis McCreary, Steve Bottoms, Pete Wattley. (back row) Bob Notestine, Larry Smith, Larry Minich, Tim Voirol.



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**Marian Shoudel, Mgr.
Helen Bufo
Linda Fuller
Sherri Grieser**

**Leah Hager
Helen Leichty
Janice Lothamer
Deb McCreary**

**Ann Miller
Connie Shade
Dorcas Stuckey
Elizabeth Stults
Margwen Wermer**

Honoring Helen Leichty pictured at left, wearing a corsage, for her many years of service, students and staff celebrated her retirement with a special day for her.

photo by Melanie Poe



The New Kids On The Block

It finally came — the big year. It was a year to let go of life at the elementary level and jump into the big times. It was the year to become a seventh grader, and what a year it would turn out to be.

Life as a seventh grader got pretty complicated. They realized that they had to plan goals and that there were new responsibilities that were going to be there for the next six years. With all the new pressures, a smart seventh grader would have wished for a normal year without any added problems.

A normal year it wasn't — it was much better because it was a

year full of fun activities. There were four dances which kept them moving. In the spring there was a trip with the eighth graders to Cedar Point for a fun-filled day. The year brought new sports, new groups and new friends to make the year even better. The seventh graders' year was topped off by the ACAC Football title. The team worked together all season to end up with a record of five wins and one tie to make them the champs.

The new year brought on changes for the new kids on the block. The seventh grade had to adjust to a day with seven per-

iods. They also had to meet new requirements from the Indiana School Board which raised their number of credits required to graduate from 32 to 36. Many students thought the increase was unfair, but as one seventh grader came to say, "We realize that it was the best change for our education."

As the year came to an end, the seventh grade found out that a lot of fun and also a lot of work was ahead of them. It was the beginning of a process where winning and trying harder came together into growing up.

— Kurt Schlatter



Kolax baseball league prepares seventh grader Mike Fisher for a possible career on the high school team.

Colling is one of the many things seventh grader Daniel Hayes would like to do in high school.

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Experimenting with a sewing machine Teenya Roscoe and Katina Brown learn the basics in home economics.

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Dan Alleger
Randy Artherults
Eric Bauer
Tom Bates
Lori Beck
David Beeching
Kris Bender

Denise Beyeler
Matt Blotkamp
Kelly Boyce
Chuck Bricker
Jason Brimmer
Katina Brown
Kylene Brown

Frank Bryan
Tunde Busch
Shane Byler
Ginny Clay
Paula Collins
Dawn Cook
Tami Crossgrove

Katie Culbertson
Shelly Davis
Derek Delagrange
Dusty Dellingar
Robb Divelbiss
Chip Dunn
Charity Eubank

Steven Evans
Randy Fessenden
Sarah Fipp
Mike Fischer
Kevin Geise
Chad Grieser
Gena Grinstead

Trent Grorud
Mark Hamman
Jeffery Hampton
Daniel Hayes
Kristi Helmuth
Michelle Hershberger
Chad Hetrick

Jason Hewitt
Jennifer Holle
Bill Horner
Phong Huynh
Andrea Jamison
Brian Johnson
Joy Jones

Becky Karst
Staci Kaylor
Shannon Keesler
Jody Kelley
Kenny Kimes
Jennifer Knight
Karla Kochersperger

Teresa Koons
Carolyn Kouder
Bruce Lantz
Nicola Livingston
Jason McKee
Aimee McMahan
Kristopher McNiece

Dana Miller
Chris Moreau
Steve Moss
Alishia Nichols
Shawn Parisot
Amy Parrish
Malinda Perry



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Answering questions and explaining the correct procedure in doing science labs, Mr. Hartung helps Joe Worman and Mary Verhest with their projects.



Darin Platter
Jared Poiry
Chris Pongratz
Debbie Premer
Thomas Ream
Chris Reidy
Jeff Roach



Ben Roberts
Matt Roberts
Teinya Roscoe
Genea Ross
Michael Roy
Stacey Scherer
Carolyn Seeling



Adam Shelton
Dan Simpson
Jeni Shaw
Stacy Smith
Candi Snelling
Jonathan Steffen
Erik Stelle



Jonathan Stoltzfus
Holly Stuckey
Kim Stuckey
Michelle Swartz
Penne Swartz
Ryan VanLue
Lorraine Vendrely



Brad Washburn
Jennifer Weaver
Bill White
Joseph Worman
Christa York
Vicki Zych

Not Pictured:
Marvin Graber
Noah Graber
Sam Graber
Amy Lothamer
John Storey

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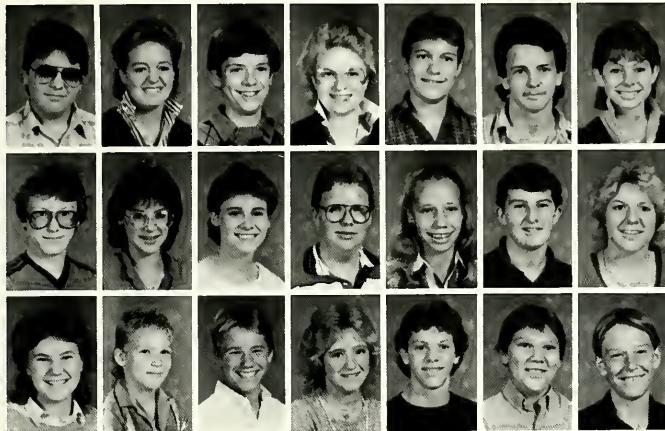
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Jennifer Bollier
Tracey Boward
Nikki Butler
Dan Carey

Meg Cass
Buffy Chavarria
Jon Clark
Nathan Cook
Ann Coolman
Amber Croteau
Warren Crowe



While practicing in the band room,
Kyle Geise and John Ladd take a
moment to observe a piece of mu-
sic.





Bryon DeLaBarre
Dana DeWitt
Ray Dilisi
Amy Donley
Michael Dresner
Craig Dubea
Connie Egli

Tom Eubank
Amy Ferguson
Amber Firman
Chad Forth
Angela Fritz
Matt Fulk
Brandy Furnish

Lori Gaul
Kyle Geise
Jamie Grunden
Paulma Grunden
Wally Hammons
Troy Hankins
Jason Hanna

Step Through The Year

On August 28th, a new school year began for the eighth graders. The year started out with an exciting bang as Heidi Strasser and Jared Shaw were chosen to represent the class of '89 as Princess and Prince during homecoming festivities.

After the Homecoming Game, the Eighth Grade Football Team started their own season with much excitement and enthusiasm. Soon after, they pulled off a conference win, which wrapped up the season very nicely.

At the same time, the Junior High Girls' Crosscountry Team, headed by eighth graders, was also running up a string of victories. They went into the ACAC meet expected to win, and they met the challenge. They brought home the conference championship trophy.

Towards the middle of the first semester, The Girls' Basketball

Team started their new season with high hopes. They also ended their year with a conference win, following in the footsteps of the fall teams.

By the time Christmas break began, little snow had fallen. This was followed by the new year, with still yet little snow. Many of the class spent the beginning of 1986 bedazzled by the flare of Rock America, Fort Wayne's newest teen video night club.

After Christmas break, the class realized that the school year was nearly half over. Their anticipation grew as the second semester progressed to Spring Break, and then on towards summer vacation.

Since the year was not quite through, though, they needed something to get them away from the tension of homework and studying and being kept

captive in the classroom. Homework alone would not quite cut it. Two more school dances and a class field trip to look forward to lifted everyone's spirits.

The class of 1989 was the first in two years to be able to take a class trip. For their excursion, the eighth graders gathered early one Saturday morning with the seventh graders in the parking lot. They then boarded chartered buses for an all day escapade to Cedar Point.

This was their last event as junior high students. In a sense they now graduate from the smaller world of junior high into the faster paced senior high school. They no longer are the older in their division, but move to the bottom rung of a bigger ladder.

Sonya Rau

Angela Hartman
Jerad Hartman
Jennifer Hayes
Kris Healy
Heidi Heath
Eli Hestermann
Aimee Hiler

Jeff Hinkle
Julie Hohl
Shanna Hormann
Andrew Houy
Brandy Howey
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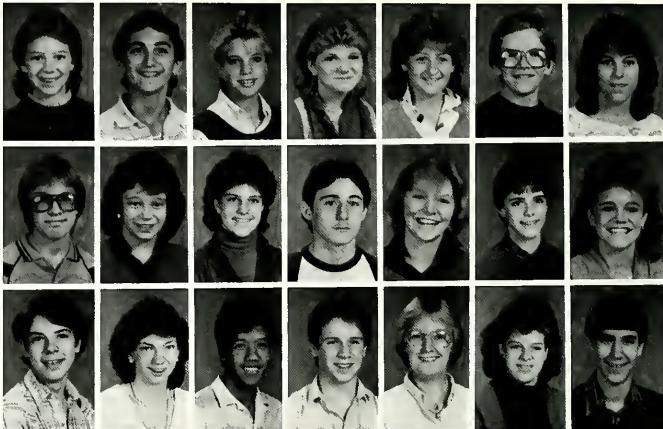
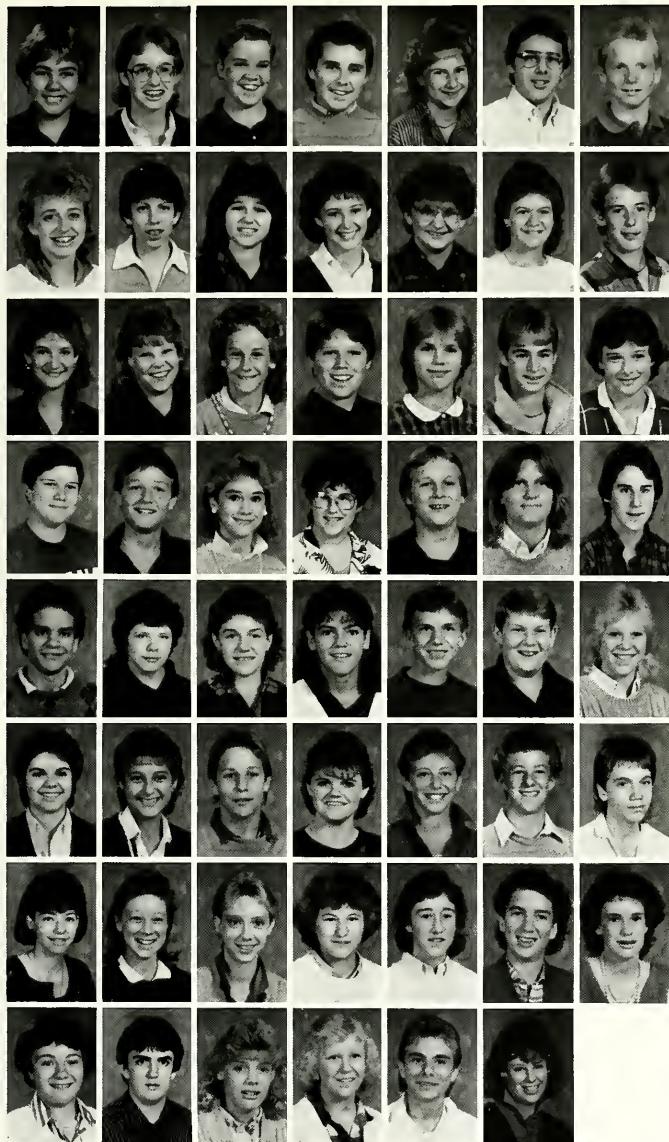


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The eighth graders' school spirit shines through, while they ham it up for the camera.





Eric Kretler
Angie Kurtz
Bradley Kurtz
John Ladd
Lori Laird
Matt Lake
Charles Larrance

Jeni Lengacher
Ryan Lewis
Lisa Littlejohn
Heather Livingston
Eric Loser
Dianne McConnell
Jeff McKee

Lisa Meyer
Lisa Miazga
Laura Miller
Doug Minich
Tara Mohler
Scot Mueller
Jennifer Orr

Ryan Osborn
Ray Pearson
Christa Pence
Tara Piering
Matt Pocock
Laura Premer
Colby Prough

David Ridderheim
Bobby Roberts
Andrea Robinson
Carey Roth
Phil Sailer
John Sanders
Jenny Saum

Dawn Scott
Tracy Shafer
Jared Shaw
Amy Smith
Heidi Strasser
Doug Stuckey
Scott Stuckey

Jen Stuelpe
Kathy Sutton
Lorie Thornhill
Melinda Voigt
Stephanie Vorndran
Rob Walters
Marcia Wiblin

Jennifer Wilson
Allen Wise
Pamela Witmer
Jenni Witt
Tony Woods
Lisa Wright

Not Pictured:
Amos Eicher
Jonas Eicher
Noah Gibson
James Gruber

Mary Hilti
Ernie Schmucker
Carolyn Seeling
Gary Smith

Mark Ackley
Don Alfeld
Jeffrey Arnold
Michelle Bachinsky
Terri Baldwin
Erin Barker
Wendy Bartle



Jodi Bauman
David Beers
Mike Bertoli
Tisha Beyeler
Matt Biddle
Chad Blotkamp
Ted Brandenberger



Mike Broda
Pam Burkett
Rick Bush
Angela Butler
Scott Butler
Scott Byler
Brad Carnes



Doug Castator
Amy Clay
Dawn Coleman
Cara Collins
Stephanie Combs
Chris Cook
Jason Cook



Robby Cook
Dan Crick
Craig Dahlkamp
Willy Dales
Jonathan Delagrange
David Detwiler
Deanna Dilley



Chae Dolsen
Dan Dubea
Joel Eastman
Sally Evans
George Fields
Joe Fipp
Kirk Fitzgerald



Beth Fogle
Kurt Frederick
Kristi Fries
Naya Fryar
Jamie Fuller
Jaimee Garton
Frances Gee



Joelle Gerardot
Vicki Grayless
Scott Hamman
Ruby Hare
Robyn Harris
Connie Harter
Michael Hechler



Trista Holwager
Jim Hope
Matt Houser
Jayme Hudson
Alana Jacquay
Deanna Johnson
Amy Karst





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Freshman Jodi Bauman quickly jots down notes during class.

FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS: (Bottom) Victoria Grayless, Vice President; Rick Mishler, Secretary; (top) Chae Dolsen, President; Kirk Fitzgerald, Treasurer.



photo by Sam Powell

New Credits For Freshman

For the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, earning 32 credits to graduate was what they had strived for since their freshman year. The goal has changed for the class of 1989 and all those classes thereafter.

The State Board of Education changed the required amount of credits from 32 to 38, adding more English, math and science courses to the curriculum. Because of the need for more cred-

its, the school day has been extended to seven periods to accommodate it.

Many students felt that school was more tiring, and the day often seemed endless. Usually everyone was glad when their seventh period class ended.

The freshmen eventually became accustomed to the seven period day because they had not experienced many years in school with the other schedule. On the



Clint Keesler
Jamie Kimbel
Jerry Kissner
Troy Koch
Jeffrey Koons
Anne Korte
Amy Laux

Kerry Lederman
Jon Leman
Nicole Lengacher
Mark Linker
Shawn Locker
Todd Lothamer
Cory Lowden

Heather MacQueen
Norman McCann
Tim McNiece
Elaine McPherson
Rick Mishler
Angela Moore
Melany Moorehead

With the increasing amount of information being compressed into class time, students have less time to talk with friends. Freshman Karen Witte, like many students, uses lunchtime to catch up on the latest news.

Credits *Con't.*

other hand, sophomores, juniors and seniors were so familiar with the six period schedule, that it was harder to make the adjustment.

While most of the students who escaped the new state requirements were thankful to be on their way to achieving their goal, the freshmen looked ahead with determination. This was the year they started the struggle of earning their extra credits.

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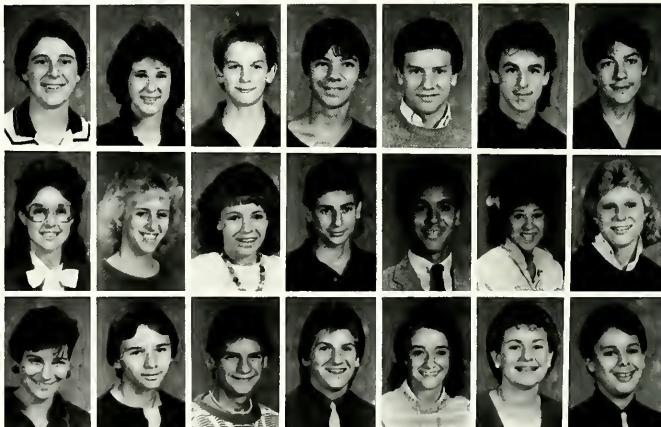




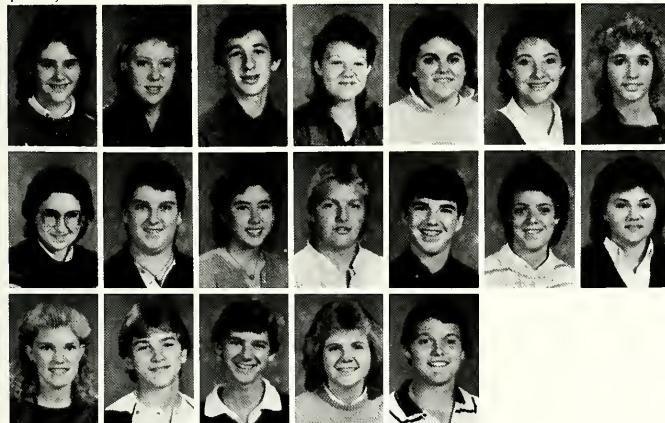
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New state requirements have included an increase in the number of science credits. Freshman Alana Jacquay begins earning her credits by taking physical science.

Freshman Jamie Kimbel learns the basic skills of the computer while using it in her English class.



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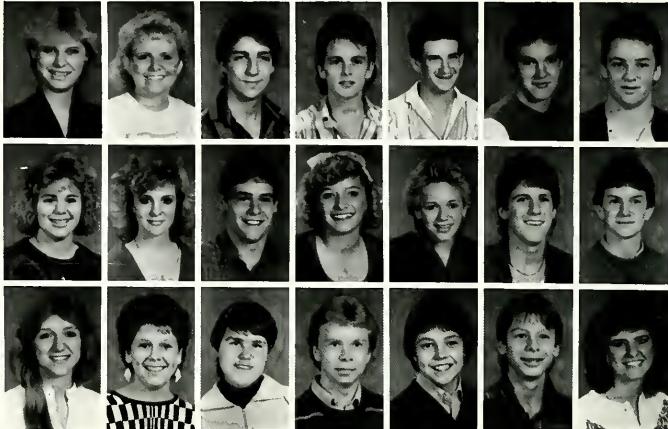


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Getting class rings is a milestone in the life of a high school student. Here Darren Harter wears his as he works an algebra problem at the board.

EVENTS FOR **BIG** SOPHOMORES

One year down and three more to go in the "big" high school was what many of the sophomores were thinking as they started another year. Most sophomores were anticipating receiving their class rings. During the month of November, students could see class ring pamphlets to select the kind of ring they wanted. Styles varied from each individual's initials to different colored and shaped stones. The color of the stone was determined either by the student's birthstone or in some cases simply by the color they liked the most. Although most students bought their rings from Josten's, some students bought from local jewelers because of an added selection.

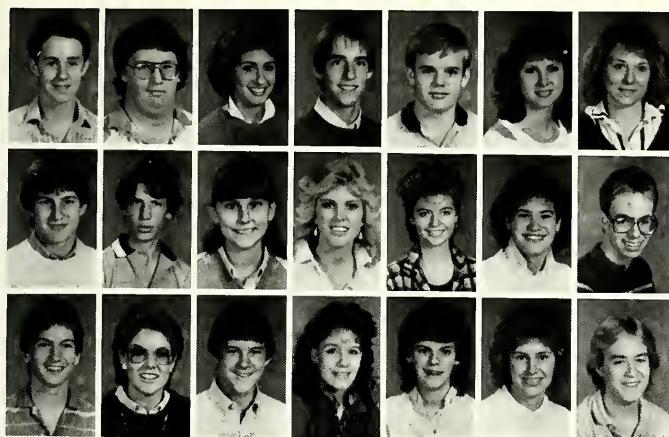
When the rings were received, some sophomores chose to give theirs to someone special. It wasn't uncommon to see a girl wearing a class ring with angora wrapped around it, or a boy wearing a small class ring on a chain. Even if it was given to someone else, the class ring was something

that would symbolize high school memories.

After the rings were received, sophomores got to look forward to the experience of driving. Many had completed driver's education over the summer and were anticipating getting their licenses. Some had jobs which helped them earn money to buy their cars. Others had parents help them either by buying them a car or by helping with a loan. If getting their own car was a problem, most sophomores were cautiously loaned the family car by parents for errands or the all important date night.

For the sophomores, the year brought about many changes: driver's license, very own car, first job, and class rings. With these changes came a sense of responsibility and a feeling of independence. With that surge of maturity the sophomores looked forward to the future.

Deia Frohriep



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SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS:
(bottom): Jason Sauder, Treasurer;
Joe Dye, President; (Top): Charlene
Foutz, Secretary; Dawn Oliver, Vice
President

Although homework isn't his favorite thing, Sophomore Scott Smith works hard to get it done.

Homework!!

Homework? Who does homework? Well believe it or not, but the majority of the 10th grade class, according to a survey, spends an average of two hours a night working on those tedious problems in math or trying to comprehend those never-ending stories in literature. Sophomores seem to be very grade oriented, for the majority of them seem to be heading in the direction of colleges. Getting accepted to a college of your choice is quite difficult without good grades, yet how many people get such grades

without studying?

So some popular methods of studying are listening to the radio or eating and drinking, which all seem to make the time spent studying a little less tiresome and the result is hitting the books all night.

Now the rest of the students know how the sophomores find the concentration to actually study. One wonders which will last longer: their studying or their figures?

Sonya Raue

Sophomore Danielle Duchi finds that homework is easier to do in comfortable surroundings.

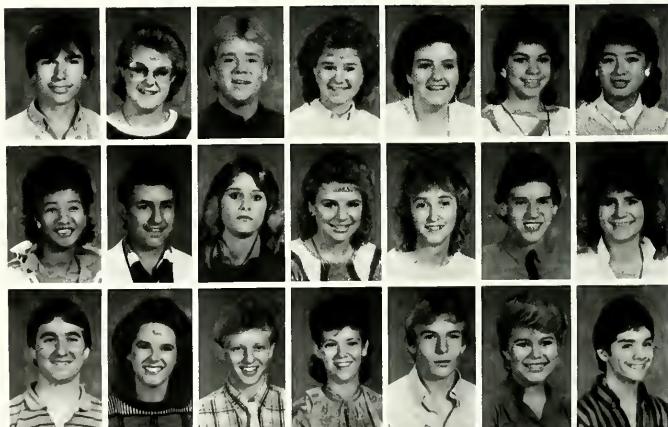


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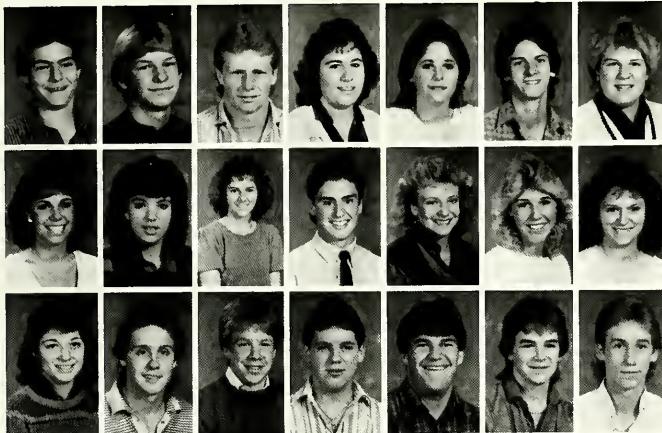


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Procrastination And Motivation

At the start of the juniors' year everything seemed to be going wrong. Due to lack of interest no one showed up at the homecoming float committee meetings so there was no junior float. It also seemed as though there might not be a prom since the juniors did not have enough in the treasury. For one thing, the juniors didn't sell enough magazines or collect many class dues. Eventually though, they sold over \$1,200 worth of magazines and raised enough money to have the prom, which was held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Although there were a few minor setbacks at the beginning of the year, there were just as many achievements. For one, they won Best Class Gift at homecoming, but their major accomplishment was the Powder Puff Game. Many practices and a lot of determination to do their best paid off with

the reward of winning the game.

Later in the year the juniors took the long awaited PSAT tests. Their scores ranked higher than others nationwide in math and verbal skills.

When the juniors weren't at school, many spent their time working. Jobs were found in places like McDonald's and Arby's, in grocery and clothing stores. Many worked to earn money, either for their car or college, or just to have spending money.

The extra money was sometimes saved or spent on dates and clothing. The types of apparel depended on the person but some of favorites were big sweaters, oversized, bright shirts, and sweatshirts with a favorite nickname or expression printed on it.

On dates, money would be spent at Pizza Hut, at a movie, or on a party for a bunch of friends after a ballgame.



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Junior class officers: (from bottom) Dina Stovall, Vice President; Mary Minich, Treasurer; Melanie Brandt, Secretary; Jim Yankosky, President.

Seven periods make some days seem very hectic. With only a couple minutes left in a five minute passing time, junior Troy Len-gacher rushes to his next class.

Motivation *cont.*

When they were out with their friends they spent time shopping or just cruising around in their cars.

Although the juniors had various things to do during the year, it seemed as though it ended very quickly. There might have been a bit of procrastination, but overall the juniors were very busy on those things that mattered to them.

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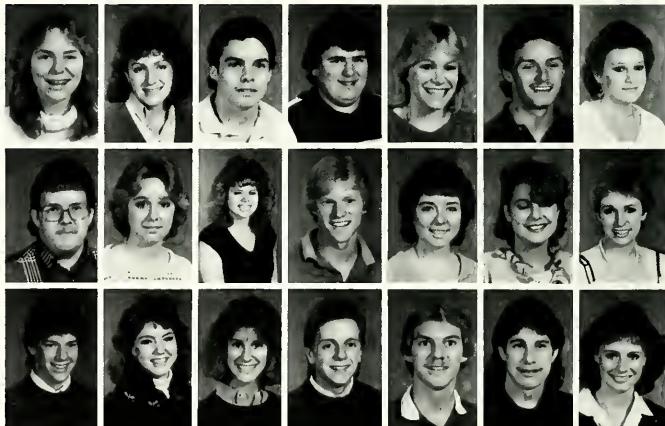




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Many students spend their after school hours earning money at part time jobs. Pizza Hut on Coliseum provides employment for Mike Hetrick, shown here working in the kitchen.

Driving to school is an expensive privilege for many juniors, such as Aaron Van Lue pictured here. Gas, insurance and car payments eat away large chunks of spending money.



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Melissa Sutton
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Mike Thornhill

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Mark Hershberger
Claudine Houy
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Senior Spectacular

Leo High School did not have an ordinary senior class. The class of 1986 had to be different. They had to show what they were made of, even though no one knew exactly what that was.

Everyone should have known what the year would be like when the seniors won the skit competition during homecoming. Sports were the class's weak point, which the juniors clearly proved during the powder puff game. What this class could do best was create the most original and outrageous ideas. Football team skits were not enough; they wanted the night-time game show Jeopardy. The outgoing host, played by Tom Dykhuizen, led the contestants toward fame and fun. The audience was shaking with laughter when the hillbilly, Brad Coolman, and the nerd, Bob Earl, made the easiest questions into the hardest, and the college student, Wiley Kite, answered questions with the greatest ease. The skit was a "winning" way to start the journey into their senior year.

For nutritional purposes, and just a way to start the day out right, some health-conscious seniors started the Breakfast Club. Seniors who could get up early met at a local restaurant, usually McDonald's at Canterbury, to have a fast food meal, and then make their way through the misty dawn toward the school.

Egg McMuffins were not part of the first Thanksgiving, but 20th century Pilgrim Tom Dykhuizen is enjoying his breakfast at McDonald's.

Todd Bennett
Debra Bishop
Kraig Brown
Tracy Busch



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After finishing their breakfast, Rick Ehlers, Jeff Kimbel, and Jodie Halt talk about everyone's crazy costumes and discuss plans for the next Club meeting.



Kaye Callow
David Castator
Paula Caswell
Darrin Chapman



Tracy Chrisman
Robert Clark
Sheri Clouse
Amy Cook



Brad Coolman
Cherie Crooks
Terry Crooks
Rhonda Crowe

Connie Day
Kian Dolsen
Lee Ann Douglas
Amy Dowty



During that time of year when the sun wakes up before the students do, these seniors eat breakfast at their favorite McDonald's before beginning another day of school.





David Galbraith
Dawn Gardt
Janice Glenn
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Creativeness cont.

The seniors counteracted high school boredom by planning their own spirit days. One was Senior Skillet Day, when kitchen skillets came to school and took over the job of the traditional bookbags. Decorated in white flowers, Ken Koons's skillet was dubbed the most attractive. Another day, in November, was named Indian-Pilgrim Day. Dressed as their favorite Pilgrims, turkeys, and Indians, seniors — and even some teachers — met at McDonald's for a Thanksgiving Breakfast Club, and then went to school where they were stared at by underclassmen who were obviously jealous.

As *White Christmas* and *Deck the Halls* grew trite, new Christmas songs were needed. Who but the seniors could create such a memorable number? Thanks to the lyric genius of Ken Koons, who wrote the words and music, and Bob Earl, Tom Dykhuijen, Kraig Brown, and Rick Ehlers, who planned an accompanying video, the seniors released their hit single, *Christmas Speewings*. It went something like this: "Big globbers of snow on evergreen boughs, children buried in the wake of orange snow ploughs."

All the crazy things the seniors did stood not only as a reminder of their uniqueness, but also as a standard of excellence for other classes to match. In the words of many students and teachers, the class of 1986 would be a hard act to follow.

— Lisa Huntington

Smiling wide at the camera, Rhonda Crowe exhibits her Pilgrim attire as she shares Thanksgiving breakfast with her friends.



Timothy Hadley
Jodie Halt
John Hampton
James Harris



Christopher Hattery
Peggy Henderson
Robert Hewitt
Patrick Hoar

Jo Hobson
Suzanne Hohl
Julie Hosier
Ann Huguenard



Lisa Huntington
Samantha Iemma
Ronald Imbody
Theresa Johnson

Getting Involved

After fourteen weeks of school, the most welcomed vacation for the students was Christmas Break. To get into the holiday spirit there was a Christmas assembly, at the end of the day just before break officially began. This program included songs from the band and choir and a skit by the Student Council.

The Student Council's skit was a "Gong Show" take-off, with four celebrity seniors posing as judges. The panel of judges were composed of a flighty actress, a nervous businessman, a rowdy cowboy, and a Spanish senorita. Wiley Kite, the show's host, introduced two Polish accordian players; a sarcastic triangle dinger, who just happened to be the exact replica of his uncle, nervous businessman; and a clever group of seniors singing *Did You Hear What I Heard?*



"*Yingle bells, yingle bells,*" sing the Schmangy Brothers, Jeff Kimbel and Brad Coolman, during their performance in the Student Council's Gong Show Special.

Chris Johnston
Scott Keim
Greg Kelley
Jeffery Kimbel



Terri Kissell
Wiley Kite
Ken Koons
Gretchen Korte



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Awaiting the first act of the Gong Show,
Samantha lemma,
Ted Hewitt, Kraig Brown, and Reann
Panchev listen to host Wiley Kite give
his warm welcome to the studio
audience.



Andrea Kreilach
Jorgen Knudsen
Douglas Lake
Lisa Land



Paul Lash
Stephen Lengacher
Amy Lewis
Sean Lewis



Kare Lohse
Karen Lothamer
Ronald Mancini
Kristi Martin



Daryl McConnell
Troy McDaniel
Walter Miazga
Max Moor

Kelly Neuhouser
Kirstin Neuman
Kelly Nichols
Angy Nixon



Rachel Palmer
Reann Panchev
Melanie Poe
Shellie Poling



Megan Prough
Jane Reece
Katie Ridderheim
Shannon Roberts



Matthew Rogers
Melissa Schimmoller
Douglas Shaffer
Ronald Simpson



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Singing Winter Wonderland, Mr. Steinhauser, Mr. Stover, and Mr. Gabet, accompanied by Tom Dykhuizen, portray three traditional Christmas carolers.





Amy Steininger
Kim Stuckey
Angela Vendrey
Theresa Vorndran



Sunday Webb
Christina Werdehoff
Kristie Witt
Tamara Witt



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Elizabeth Witte
Nancy Wyman
Joel Yoder
Jeffrey Zink
Justin Zink



Involved *cont.*

Perhaps the most outrageous group in the Gong Show was Studs Terkle and the Riders, composed of Tom Dyhkuizen, Mr. Jerry Stover, Mr. Thomas Steinhauser, and Mr. Stephen Gabet. This group of teachers began their act with a simple Christmas "ditty", but unexpectedly these crazed teachers threw on some shades, loosened their ties, and boogied down in front of the whole student body.

Before the group had a chance to finish they were gonged, because a certain cowboy did not think they compared with Alabama and Willy Nelson. The Leo Tabernacle Choir, along with Bobby McDaniels on drums, won the contest with their version of "The Little Drummer Boy."

The involvement of the teachers in the skit was their way of returning a favor to the seniors who had constantly participated in raising school spirit. The seniors went all out in what they did, reminding themselves that the way to having a good time was getting involved. Fortunately, "getting involved" was exactly what the seniors did.

— Celeste Schaefer

Looking for that special gift, shoppers from the area check out the Lumber Yard Shops. Here, two prospective customers admire the unique Christmas tree decorations in the Creative Hands Co-op.

The shelves of candy in Souder's General Store make eyes grow wide, a sweet tooth ache, a diet crumble, and pockets go empty.

photos by Celeste Schaefer



Changing Communities

Being small did not stop Leo, Grabill, and Cedarville from expanding to keep pace with neighboring urban areas.

"Small Town" sung by John Cougar Mellencamp, easily describes the feeling one gets walking down the streets of a small town similar to our own.

The little towns surrounding our school have had for many years an almost family-like aura about them. During the holiday season, a person could walk down any street and feel the warmth generated by decorated homes and street lights. Everyone seems to know each other and the festivity of the season is felt all year long.

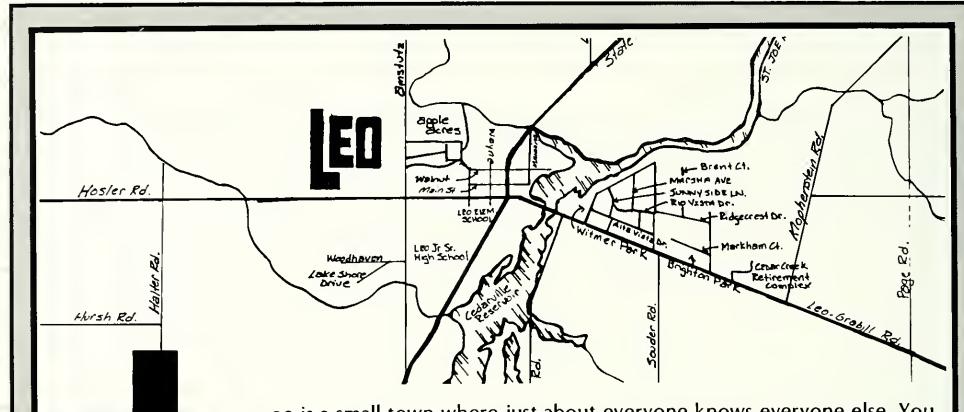
Besides bright lights and decorations, the appearance of our community changed greatly. These acres, which were once corn fields, are now the foundations for new houses and businesses. Leo, Grabill and Cedarville are constantly growing.

With each town experiencing such additions as cable installment, a retirement complex, and video and clothes shops, it is evident each town is prospering. In rural communities people aren't worried about locked doors or bikes left out on the lawn. Instead, people worry about making a living and just getting through the day.



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Taking advantage of the first snowfall, these two Leo boys get their sleds out and are ready for the first hill they find.



eo is a small town where just about everyone knows everyone else. You can see the friendliness when you step into the drugstore or when you notice the area farmers all eating breakfast together at the cafe early in the morning. You see that neighborliness at the basketball games and at the pizza place afterwards. When you go to the grocery store or the barber shop you can gab about the new park or who's going to win County Tourney. At the many area churches you can have a great time of fellowship. This is Leo, not a perfect town, just a place we call home and wouldn't trade for anything.

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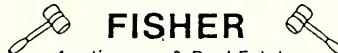
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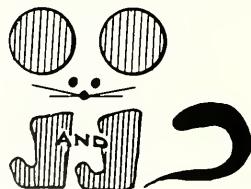
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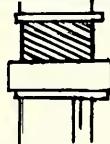
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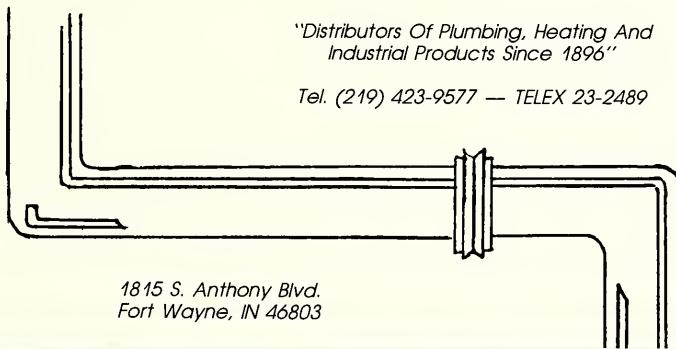


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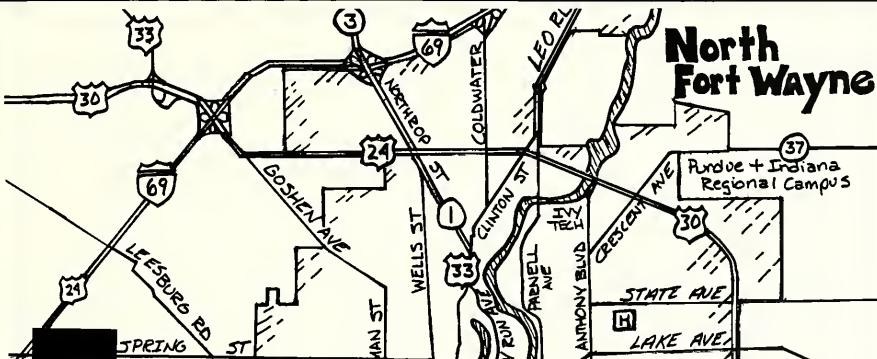
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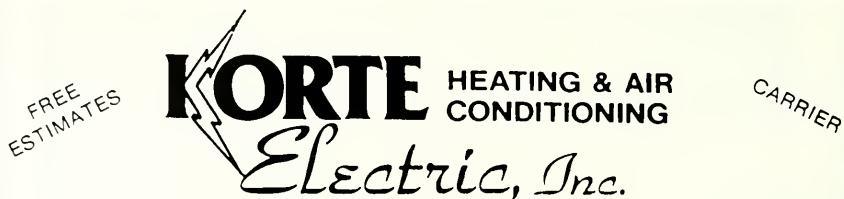


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The 3:10 bell rang. Students rushed to their lockers and the mad dash home began. The bus stopped and student X stepped off. Coming inside, he tossed his books down and turned up the stereo. As the strains of loud music floated somewhat gently across the air, our student took a few minutes to relax.

Sound familiar? It may very well seem so, but what student X was listening to may not. Sure, it had the driving beat, slick vocals and racing guitar licks, but it also had a message. What was that music, you ask? It was contemporary Christian music — gospel music with a definite rock beat, and it has become popular not only in the Fort Wayne area, but also across the U.S.

When looking at CCM, the biggest group of listeners would have seemed to be people who just appreciated an alternative to some of today's music, but many became listeners because of what they heard. Dan Harrell, who manages several top Christian acts under Blanton/Harrell Management, said in Billboard Magazine, "Over the past five

years the product has shown such a vast improvement in quality that any number of contemporary Christian artists can easily put their records up against any rock record today." The sound of CCM did make it a favorite of many. Groups such as Petra and White Heart and also Amy Grant have played to packed Fort Wayne auditoriums in the past year. Even at Leo High School students had the chance to hear rising singers Billy Sprague and David Martin. Explaining why he liked to attend CCM concerts, Craig Dahlkamp said, "I like to go because I get to hear the kind of music I like and it's about things I believe in."

Along with the growing popularity of Christian music, came the problem of people who rejected it before they had heard it. Singer Kathy Troccoli said in Musicline magazine about this problem, "I just wish everyone would not put Christian music in a box, because to me that's like putting God in a box." If people can just get a glimpse of that and not have their set little slots that they want to put the gospel in and how it's supposed to

be conveyed and communicated." Major Christian artist, Amy Grant, who has won four Grammies and several other awards said in the Gavin Report to her ever-growing audience, "To the people that I have never had the opportunity to sing to, I'm saying, 'Look, I'm not invading your space, I'm not forcing my life on yours, all I'm doing is taking down a wall.' All I'm doing is letting you see something. And if you embrace it, that's incredible. If you don't, the point wasn't to climb over the wall and invade your life."

Contemporary Christian music has been bringing down those barriers that have been standing between those who have never heard it and those who already have found it. It would have been false to say that CCM didn't have a message in its music, but some day people like Dan Harrell, Kathy Troccoli and Amy Grant hope that, as Christian music breaks down the barriers, people will find not only a message, but also the quality they are trying to put there.

Kurt Schlatter

A new talent in CCM, singer-songwriter Billy Sprague held a concert at Leo High School last fall.



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A black and white photograph of Amy Grant. She is wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored shirt and a leopard-print skirt. Her hair is dark and curly, and she is smiling while singing into a microphone. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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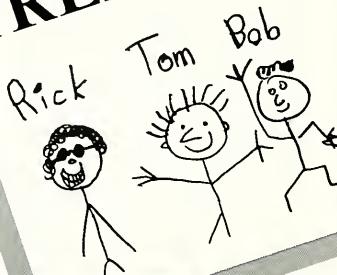


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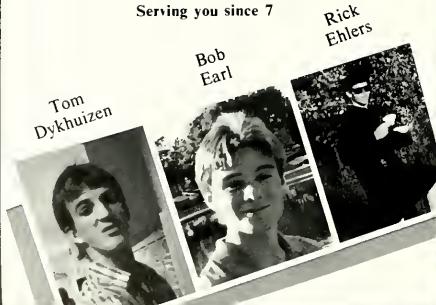


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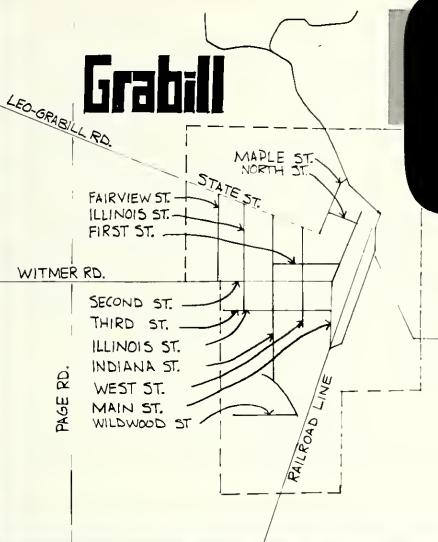
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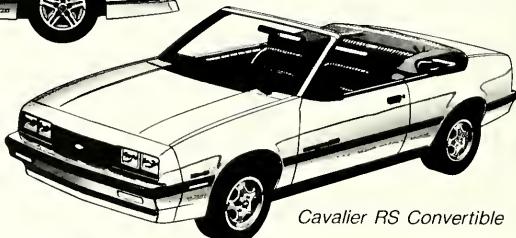


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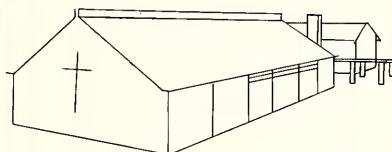
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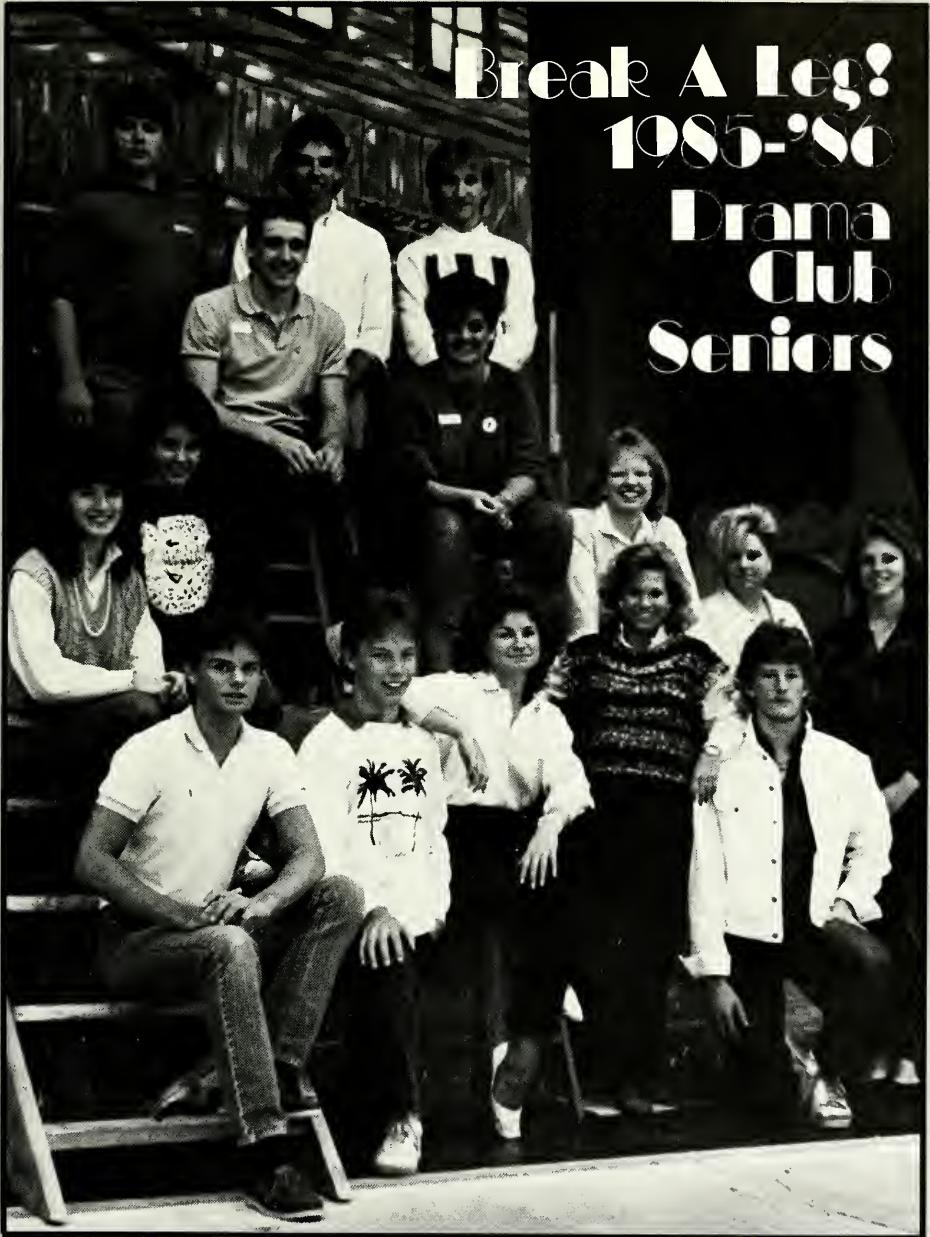
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Student Council 1-2; Trackettes 2-3; Yearbook 4; Art Club 1-4.

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KELLY, SAMANTHA C.

Golf 1; Choir 1-2; Drama Club 1-4; FHA 1-2; German Club 1-2; Letterwinners 1-4; *Lion's Tale* 4; Student Council 1-4.

IMBODY, RON W.

JOHNSON, THERESA J.
Choir 2-3; Y-Teens 3.

JOHNSTON, CHRISTOPHER J.
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KIEM, SCOTT R.
KELLEY, GREGORY T.

Cross Country 1-4; AV. 2; Drama Club 1-4; German Club 1-2; Letterwinners 1-4; Marine Biology 3.

KIMBEL, JEFFERY S.

Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4; Track 1-4; AV. 2-4; Chess Club 1; Honor Society 4; Letterwinners 1-4; Student Council 2, 4.

KISSELL, TERRI L.

Track Mgr. 2; German Club 1-2; Letterwinners 2-4; School Service 1-4; Trackettes 1-4; Art Club 1-4.

KITE, WILEY D.

Tennis 3-4; Volleyball 1-2; AV. 2; Concert Choir 1; Swing Choir 1; Drama Club 1-4; Honor Society 1-4; Letterwinners 3-4; School Service 3-4; Spanish Club 2-3; Student Council 1-4; Sophomore Class Vice-President; Junior Class President; Senior Class President.

KNUDSEN, JORGEN

Exchange Student 4.

KOONS, KEN A.

Chess Club 1; German Club 1-4; Sportmans Club 1; Student Council 4.

KORTE, GRETCHEN M.

Concert Choir 3-4; Girls Glee 1-2; Swing Choir 3-4; Drill Squad 1-3; FHA 1; Media Club 4; Campus Life 3; Yearbook 4; Art Club 1-4; Letterwinners 4; Drama Club 4.

LAKE, DOUGLAS E.

Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4; Letterwinners 3-4; School Service 1.

LAND, LISA R.

Tennis 1-4; Volleyball 2-4; Cheerleader 1; Letterwinners 3-4; Mat Maids 1-3.

LASH, PAUL C.

Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-4; Chess Club 1-2; Dungeons and Dragons Club 1; German Club 1-3; Letterwinners 1-4; *Lion's Tale* 1, 3; School Service 3-4; Campus Life 1-3; Wrestling 1-4; Computer Club 1-2.

LENGACHER, STEVE L.

Football 4; Golf 1; German Club 2.

LEWIS, AMY L.

Cheerleader 1; Booster Club 1, 3; Drama Club 3; FHA 1; German Club 1-2; School Service 1-2; Sportmans Club 1.

LEWIS, SEAN D.

Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; German Club 2.

LOHSE, KARE

Exchange Student 4.

LOTHAMER, KAREN M.

Drill Squad 2; FHA 1; School Service 1-4.

MANCINI, RONALD A.

Band 1-3; German Club 2-4.

MARTIN, KRISTI D.

Tennis 1; Concert Choir 2-4; Girls Glee 1-2; Swing Choir 3-4; Drill Squad 1-3; FHA 1; School Service 1-3; Speech Team 4; Student Council 4; Trackettes 1-2; Y-Teens 1-2; Art Club 1-2.

MCCONNELL, DARYL K.

Basketball 1-4; Volleyball 1-2; Letterwinners 2-4; Photography 2.

MCDANIEL, TROY L.
MAZGA, WALLY C.

Basketball 1; Football 1-4; Band 1; Letterwinners 2-4; School Service 2, 4.

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Tennis 1; Band 1; Cheerleader 1-4; Honor Society 2-4; School Service 4; Student Council 2, 4; Campus Life 2-3.

NEUMAN, KIRSTIN A.

Basketball Mgr. 1; Tennis 2; Girls Glee 1-2; Swing Choir 3; Letterwinners 2-4; Mat Maids 3; School Service 3; Y-Teens 3.

NICHOLS, KELLY R.

Chess Club 1; Drama Club 3-4; FHA 1-2; German Club 2-3; Honor Society 1; Mat Maids 2; School Service 1, 2, 4; Student Council 1-4.

NIXON, ANGELITA

Volleyball 1; Concert Choir 1-2; FHA 1; Honor Society 3-4; *Lion's Tale* 2; Marine Biology 3-4; Mat Maids 1-4; School Service 3-4; Spanish Club 1-2; Speech Team 1; Student Council 4; Trackettes 2; Junior Class Vice-President; Senior Vice-President; SADD 1, 3-4; Campus Life 2; Yearbook 1; Y-Teens 2-4; Art Club 1.

PALMER, RACHEL E.

Tennis 2; German Club 1-3; Marine Biology 3.

PANCHEV, REANN D.

Basketball 1-2; Gymnastics Mgr. 3; Tennis 1-4; Volleyball 3-4; Drama Club 2-4; FHA 1-2; Honor Society 2-4; Letterwinners 3-4; Spanish Club 2-4; Student Council 2-4.

POE, MELANIE A.

Band 1-4; Drill Squad 1; School Services 1-2; Trackettes 1.

POLING, SHELLIE L.

Track 1-2, 4; Girls Glee 1-2; Letterwinners 1-2.

PROUGH, MEGAN M.

Basketball 1; Cross Country 1-4; Track 2-4; Concert Choir 3-4; Girls Glee 12; Swing Choir 4; Letterwinners 1-4; *Lion's Tale* 3.

REECE, JANE M.

Golf 1-4; Tennis 2; Track 1, 4; Band 1; Drama Club 1-2, 4; German Club 2; Honor Society 1-4; Marine Biology 4; School Service 3; Student

Council 4; Photography Club 3-4.

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Cross Country 1-2; Track 1-2; Band 1; Letterwinners 1-2.

ROBERTS, SHANNON R.

Football 1-3; Wrestling 1, 3; Drama Club 3-4; Marine Biology 1; Zoology Club 3; German Club 1-2.

ROGERS, MATT L.

Spanish Club 1-4.

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Gymnastics 1-3; German Club 3; Letterwinners 1-4.

SHAFFER, DOUGLAS J.

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Marine Biology 3.

STEININGER, AMY M.

Cross Country 2-4; Track 1-2; Choir 1-3; FHA 1; Honor Society 1; Letterwinners 2-4; School Service 2, 4; Student Council 4.

STUCKEY, KIM R.

Track 1-4; Volleyball 2-3; Band 1-3; Cheerleader 1; Letterwinners 3; Student Council 2.

VENDRELY, ANGELA M.

Gymnastics 2-4; Volleyball 1-4; Band 1; Drama Club 2-4; FHA 1; Letterwinners 2-4; School Service 2-4; Student Council 4.

VORNDRAN, TERESA M.

Track 1-2; German Club 1-3; School Service 1, 3.

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FHA 1; Spanish Club 1-2; Student Council 1, 4.

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Football Mgr. 1, 4; Band 1-3; School Service 4; Auto Club 1.

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Football 1-4; Wrestling 3-4; Letterwinners 3-4.

ZINK, JUSTIN A.

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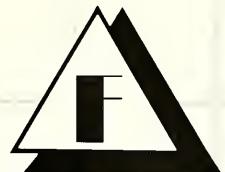


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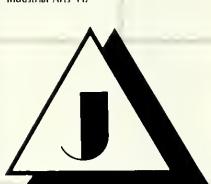
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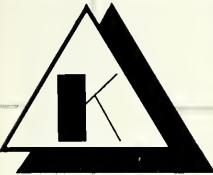


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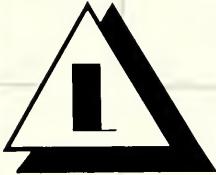
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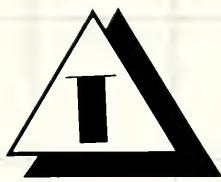


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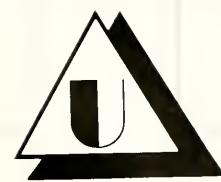
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Busily studying a chemistry assignment, Michelle Egli prepares for her class during time spent in the library.



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Socializing and studying create the atmosphere found in the library where students like Gary Laird and Tracy Busch go to visit and get some homework done.

SPORTS: Amy Karst, Jorgen Knudsen, Kris Straughn, Mary Minich, in back.

ACADEMICS: Julie Yankosky, Traci Knoblauch.



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Sonya Raue.



What An Experience!

In yearbook there were the usual headaches and last minute problems, yet that made the class challenging and rewarding.

Creating our yearbook was full of confusion, from searching for croppers and green triangles to forgetting point sizes and type styles. Pictures were lost, and little record was kept of what pages were finished. Through all the problems of the year, every yearbook staff member was looking forward to the day when we could all say, "We're finished!"

Considering the inexperience of many staff members, the quality of the work was good. Some had a little trouble writing copy, and others had little sense of design; however, the talents of one person made up for the problems of another. Because we spent little time working after school, the last

few weeks of school became a mad rush to order pictures, fit copy, and type captions. Mrs. Smith, also new to yearbook, worked with Mrs. Holbrook and Miss Schrein to push the staff in order to complete pages for deadlines and to turn out the best work possible.

Being a staff member became an educational experience not only in composition and grammar but also in cooperation and responsibility. Nine months were too short to become excellent journalists, and so we all had to make the most of every moment. We could not afford to argue and demand our own way — there were features to be written and

pictures to be cropped. Adjustments were made and work was carried on as usual.

Even though we were swamped with papers, books, and people, we still found time to have fun. "I'm fat but you're ugly, and I can diet," was a catchy phrase one ingenious staffer created. Another two members spent many afternoons entertaining the rest of the staff with song and dance from *The Sound of Music*.

We did not always need crazy antics or funny comments to keep our spirits up. This staff was composed of people with super personalities with the determination to get the job done.

— Lisa Huntington

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Munching on potato chips and drinking chocolate milk, Lois Bradenburger and Missy Hampton dine outside during the last week of school.

Changing Course

Frustrations and complications described the last weeks of school

Burned out. Towards the end of the year that one phrase and one phrase alone described the way most students and teachers felt, completely and without question, burned out. Who wouldn't be tired? Term papers were due at the same time book reports had to be handed in. Final exams were just around the corner which meant heavy cramming for most students, and on top of all the work that had to be done there was the warm sunny weather just tempting students to come outside.

"These last weeks of school are the hardest for me. Studying is a real chore because I'd rather be doing something else."

— Deanna Dilley

How cruel studying could be at times when it was so nice outside making it so hard to study, but so easy to leave the books on the kitchen counter. This is what it was like at the end of the year. There was the typical mad rush to get everything done with the sole motivator being the thought of summer vacation.

Baseball was almost over, the spring sports were washing their uniforms and handing them back to the coaches for next season. The 600 page textbooks assigned on the first day of school that then seemed like such an overwhelming task to complete now only had a few uncovered chapters left inside of them. The



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Overlooking the school grounds Matt Hosier, Mike Thornhill, Marty Beck, and Troy Lengacher make themselves at home in the baseball bleachers.



Soaking up the sun during lunch is a favorite pastime among students like Kris Sivits who finishes her homework on the school's lawn.

"Hello there!" A stuffed teddy bear brought into school by Rose McCann during exam time brightens up the classroom as the year ends.



Best of buddies, Dina Stovall, Basil Wisler and Missy Sutton escort one another out of the school at the end of the day.



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Reviewing a class sign-up sheet, Mr. Butt and Chad Stuckey discuss the possibilities of changing his schedule to take a new class.



Playing Frisbee in the east parking lot, Angie Butler and Angie Blake take advantage of some extra time they have outside.

Changing cont.

seniors were preparing for graduation, class officers were being elected, and soon the day would come when everyone in school would fix their eyes on the clocks waiting for the big hand to be on the two and for the little hand to be pointing at the three. But, until that time students made extra trips to the bathrooms and drinking fountains just to kill time.

"I live for summer and for the parties, Freimann Square and of course, sleeping in."

— Ed Busche

At the closing of another school year, there seemed to be an air of excitement in every hallway and in every classroom. Everyone seemed to be preparing for the changes that lie ahead, waiting simply for a break in the everyday routine of school and just sit back and relax.



Teacher's aide, Frazier, accompanies Mr. Steinhauser to school while he finishes grades and room cleaning.

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"Smile!" On the last day of school, friends gather together for picture taking and for celebrating the arrival of another summer vacation.









